

Delta disbanded, recruits disperse

By Bella Mansfield

The athletics department announced that 53 of the 118 recruited athletes admitted to the class of 2017 have revoked their verbal commitments to the College. According to Director of Athletics Erin Quinn, nearly all of these high school student-athletes cited the disbandment of Delta House as their reason for backing out.

Eleven football recruits, 10 men's lacrosse recruits, six women's lacrosse recruits, four men's squash, six field hockey recruits, four men's ice hockey recruits, 10 tennis players and two equestrian recruits have contacted their would-be captains and coaches to turn down a spot on the roster after learning of the College's now-defunct social scene.

"This is obviously very upsetting," said Quinn. "Unfortunately, it seems that several recruits have decided that Middlebury doesn't throw down enough, and many have opted to commit to other schools. I guess that word about Delta has spread. We didn't anticipate this kind of backlash. It's just a social house, for pete's sake."

Delta, the social house organization referred to by students as "ADP," was disbanded on March 18 following the recommendation of the Residential Life Committee on the basis that the organization had incurred substantial dorm damage costs and failed to comply with college regulations. Delta, which hosts parties in Prescott House that typically draw between 50 and 600 students, is hands-down the biggest and best party space on campus and will be disbanded at the end of this academic year.

"Of course every student-athlete deserves to have a social life,

but I didn't think that they'd put DFMOs and Natty Light before the new weight room and cardio center," Quinn added.

"Quite frankly, I am outraged," said Director of Compliance Kelly Bevere, who oversees the athlete recruitment process to ensure that the College adheres to NCAA regulations. "The lack of regard these high school students have for the sanctity of the spoken agreement they made with their coaches, and the fact that their only concern is partying is extremely disappointing."

The announcement has had devastating consequences for several of the College's athletic teams — particularly the football team, which lost 110 of its recruited players in the wake of Delta's disbandment.

"It's pretty bad for us. We're looking at a really old team for next season without these recruits," said Bob Ritter, head football coach. "We lost a lot of good men out there."

The swimming and diving, cross country and nordic ski teams were fortunate enough not to lose any recruits.

"We're dry for most of the season anyway, so it's not a big deal," said Cary Morris '14, a member of the women's swim team.

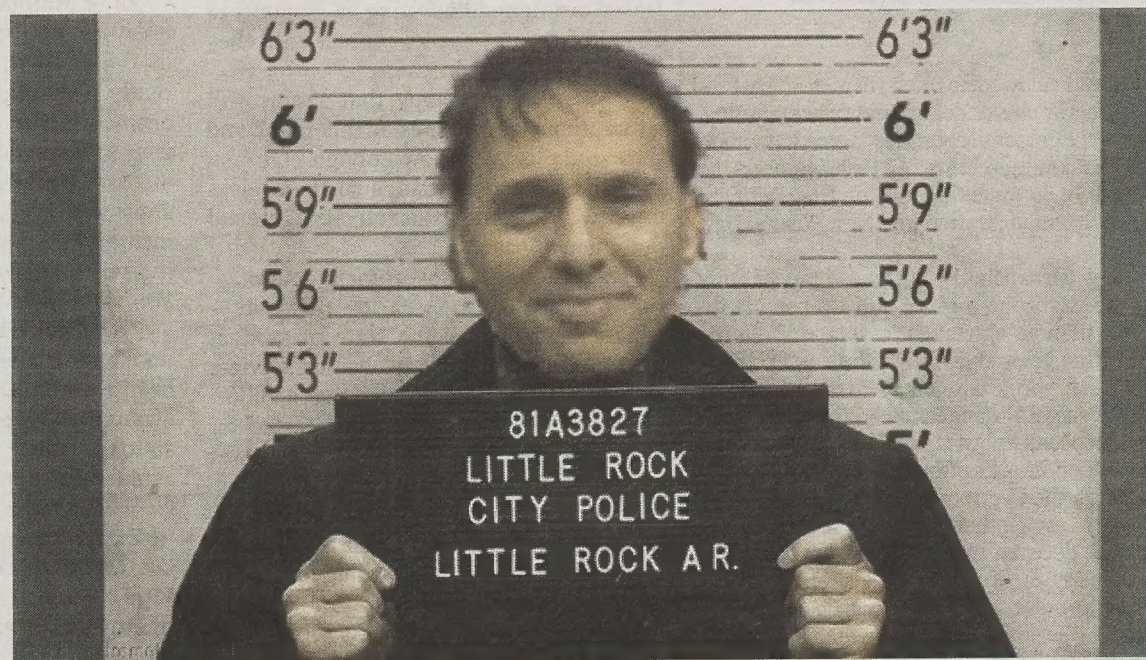
An unnamed Delta resident was not surprised by the athletes' decisions to commit elsewhere.

"ADP is the biggest and best place to party in the 05753," he said. "Without it, this school is nothing but a bunch of trees and cows and stuff. Parties until the sun comes up with my bros and biddies in the ADP basement are some of my best college memories ... or non-memories. Whatever."

Many of the student-athletes

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Police arrest Liebowitz at rally



By Yankee Briar

On Monday, April 1, President of the College Ronald D. Liebowitz was arrested at a protest supporting divestment at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass. He was detained for 24 hours before being released on a \$500 bail.

The protest, organized by Williams student members of the Sierra Club, took place at Williams College President Adam F. Falk's home, with more than 150 protesters calling on Falk to divest Williams' endowment from fossil fuel manufacturing companies.

Liebowitz was among 16 protesters who were arrested for trespassing after they stormed the home of Falk when he did not respond to the protesters' chants and signs. Police were on scene and took Liebowitz and 15 others into custody at approximately 1:30 p.m.

Liebowitz explained that col-

league and Schumann Distinguished Scholar Bill McKibben convinced him to attend the rally at Williams. McKibben has been a staunch supporter of divestment, lecturing on the need to divest at universities across the country, including Middlebury, with his Do the Math Tour this past winter.

"[McKibben] has been an integral part of the discussion of divestment at Middlebury," said Liebowitz after his release from the Williamstown County jail. "After a lunch we attended together last week, he convinced me to participate on the ground level of the divestment movement in order to better understand where Middlebury students were coming from."

Liebowitz said that his intention was simply to observe, but soon found himself swept up in the protest itself, chanting with the rest of the students in attendance.

"The collective energy of that group of students was palpable," he said. "It was impossible not to get involved."

"I am not proud of the resulting arrest, but I would not say that I regret what I did," he added.

McKibben expressed deep pride in Liebowitz's actions.

"I think it speaks highly of Middlebury that it's president would go to such great lengths, and put his reputation on the line, to fight for the extremely important cause of divestment," wrote McKibben in an email. "When I originally suggested that he attend the protest, I never imagined that he would go, let alone join in with the rest of the protesters."

Liebowitz was arraigned in court in Massachusetts on Tuesday, facing charges of trespassing and disorderly conduct. He was acquitted of all charges and

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CROSSROADS GET CRAZY



On Thursday, April 4, Crossroads Cafe was closed down indefinitely after serving alcohol to underage high school students, hailing from Middlebury Union High School. "Sorry I'm not sorry," said one particularly indignant 14-year-old reveler. The College has not announced plans for the Cafe's reopening.

PROCTOR CAT

College to institute pay-per-meal plan

By Apple Sunny-Ridge

Beginning fall 2013, the College will introduce a meal plan as a means of lessening the monetary strain on dining services, reversing the effects of budget cuts and eliminating food waste. Students will be able to choose the number of weekly meals they would like to eat on campus at the start of each semester, and will have the ability to opt out of a meal plan entirely.

In recent years, budget cuts have led dining services to eliminate juice at lunch and dinner, Ben & Jerry's ice cream, meat at weekday breakfasts, nightly dinners in Atwater, cereal and granola at all meals and decorative window treatments in Proctor. With the implementation of the meal plan, all that has been eliminated or cut back on the past decade will be brought back.

The coffee served in the dining halls, however, will remain undrinkable.

"The amount of food waste produced by the College's dining establishments has nearly quadrupled in the past two years," said Director of Dining Services Matthew Biette. "We need to find a way to hold students accountable, and a meal plan is the easiest way to ensure that students take what they want and eat what they take. But at the same time, we couldn't justify implementing a meal plan with the dining halls in the state they're currently in, so we're reversing all cutbacks."

During the fall 2012 semester, over 12,000 pounds of food waste were composted and another 5,000 pounds were fed to animals such as rats, mice and octopi used in science research experiments. 650 pounds were fed to Proctor Cat.

With the implementation of a meal plan, food waste is predicted to hover at approximately 500 pounds

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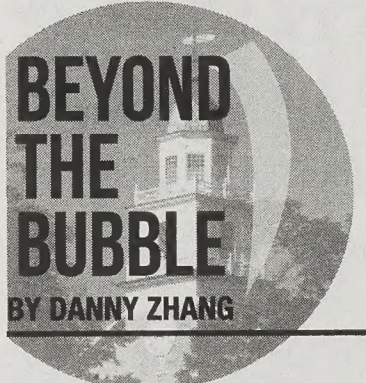
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Last Friday, after three years of angry protests, acrimonious debate and finger pointing, the 17 Eurozone countries agreed to abolish the common currency that has been the source of so much anguish on the continent since its inauguration on New Year's Day, 1999.

It is perhaps more apt to call the splitting of the Eurozone a bitter and irreparable divorce than an agreement of any kind. In the end, the straw that broke the camel's back came in Cyprus, a little known island country in the eastern Mediterranean that used Russian deposits to buy ... wait for it ... Greek national bonds. Alas, after Greece was put on life support, the Cypriots dashed for the ATMs in hopes of saving their deposits.

The decision to abolish the Euro came at a conference of Eurozone leaders in Paris. Aides present at the meeting described the meeting as largely a shouting match. German Chancellor Angela Merkel had to be twice restrained from climbing over the round table to take a swipe at President Nico Anastasiades of Cyprus.

"Despite her small housewife stature, Angela showed herself to be one ferocious woman! *Je ne veux pas savoir ce qu'elle peut faire dans la chambre,*" said French President Francois Hollande.

European Union officials have declined to confirm who suggested abolishing the currency at the conference. Originally, Eurozone leaders decided to meet to find a quick solution to Cyprus' rapidly deepening financial situation. However, as the day wore on, a viable solution quickly became impossible and tempers apparently flared between countries.

Many Eurozone experts widely speculate that Merkel finally reached the breaking point after financing the bailouts of Portugal, Ireland, Greece, and Spain. Others say that a bloc of smaller Eurozone countries — Austria, Belgium, the Netherlands, Slovakia, and Slovenia in particular — wanted to escape from the deathly traps of German schoolyard bullies before it was too late.

In Berlin, Germans celebrated their return to the strong Deutschmark, which will be re-issued beginning on July 1 of this year. In Athens, many who had protested austerity measures in the past few years also poured into the streets to celebrate. Many people burned the German and EU flags while shouting: "We want our five-hour workdays and three-month vacations back!" In Madrid, news of the breaking event spread slowly since its timing coincided with the daily *siesta*.

Finally, in Washington, D.C., President Obama issued an angry statement to Eurozone leaders, sarcastically thanking them for derailing his second-term agenda. Despite the president's rhetoric, the First Family is reportedly planning a summer vacation to the Greek island of Crete to take advantage of the cheap exchange rate. Vice President Joe Biden, who blew \$600,000 on a one-night stay in Paris last month, is still grounded over his lavish spending and will not be joining the Obamas in Greece.

Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron, whose country is not part of the Eurozone, did not attend the conference. Instead, he spent his Friday filming another music video with the popular British boy band One Direction. In February, he had appeared in One Direction's video for their new mash-up single "One Way or Another (Teenage Kicks)." A government spokesperson at 10 Downing, in response to the abolition of the Euro, said that Prime Minister Cameron could not care less for the problems of the continent.

Italy also did not send a government representative to the conference because it is unclear who exactly is governing there in light of the inconclusive results of the February election. There are some unconfirmed reports that Italian politicians are seriously considering transferring political power to Pope Francis in the interim while they sort out their political gridlock. That move would take the country back to its glorious Renaissance days, though the Pope has threatened to resign if burdened with the responsibility of governing Italy.

Syphilis epidemic hits campus

By Maggie Pequot

An inundation of requests for STI (Sexually Transmitted Infections) testing at Parton Health Center has revealed a mass outbreak of syphilis on campus. Gus Jordan, executive director of health and counseling services at the College, has released a statement advising all students to abstain from any sexual contact until they can address the epidemic.

"We can only hope that brains will triumph over hormones at this point and that students will show enough common sense to keep their hands to themselves until we've gotten this all straightened out," said Jordan.

The Student Government Association released a survey earlier this year — conducted to gauge the state of student health, sexual health and health services on campus — which revealed that a majority of students had never been tested for STIs and that many students had never even considered it. In light of this information, Parton Health Center was flooded with requests by students for STI testing, many for the first time; as diagnosis after diagnosis came up positive for syphilis, the College realized they had a problem on

their hands.

President of the College Ronald D. Liebowitz declined to comment, as he was out of town attending a divestment rally. Despite his absence, the College is taking immediate action to ensure the safety of all students, infected or otherwise.

As of Monday, April 1 at 4:30 p.m., as many as 350 students were quarantined in the Bubble; as the structure is currently slated for demolition the College deemed it the most isolated location to stem the spread of the highly contagious disease. Volunteers are providing the students with food, water and entertainment, including screenings of *Outbreak*, *Contagion*, *Children of Men* and *How I Met Your Mother*.

The College has also passed a mandate under which all students that have not been tested must allow themselves to be evaluated by Parton staff to establish the status of their health. Those who have avoided infection will be transported to a local dairy farm within the next week.

Porter Hospital also confirmed that the College placed an order for over 1,000 MUs of Penicillin G, recommended for the treatment of early syphilis — enough for

nearly 500 patients. However, Dr. Mark Peluso, head physician at Parton, has voiced doubts that it will be enough.

"Let's be honest, this problem is going to spread, and it is going to spread like wildfire," he said. "I just hope no one had too much fun on spring break or this could become a national epidemic."

The Middlebury chapter of the national organization Students in Support of Safe-Sex, which promotes sexual health awareness in America's youth, is currently raising funds to build a statue in honor of the current SGA leadership for their service to the community. The group has enlisted local artists, who have already constructed a blueprint of a large condom-shaped statue to be erected in the center of the traffic circle in downtown Middlebury.

A local abstinence advocacy group, Sex Tempts the Devil (STD), is petitioning to block the construction of what it deems an "affront to the eye and the soul." The group recently took to twitter to condemn the choices of those afflicted.

"@MiddleburyCollege — As the saying goes, girls have a button and boys have a pole and wicked touching takes its toll #std," the group wrote.

Prospies fret over Delta disbandment

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caught wind of Delta's disbandment and its detrimental effect on the College's social scene through social media outlets such as Facebook and Twitter. On March 18, the day the College officially announced its decision to disband Delta, #RIPADP was trending on Twitter nationwide.

Even anonymous Twitter handle Mid-dTwitt, which had been inactive for nearly a year, rose from the internet meme graveyard to tweet: "Midd: Where fun goes to die #RIPADP." The message was re-tweeted over 200 times.

In the days following Delta's disbandment, every one of the College's varsity coaches received phone calls and emails from recruited athletes asking what would happen to their Saturday nights if they did, in fact, come to Middlebury in the fall.

"A couple of the guys called me wondering what was up," said Charlie Johnson '13, captain of the men's squash team. "They had seen stuff on Facebook or whatever, and I just had to be honest with them. Without ADP there's no reason to be here. You can't spell 'A Middlebury Party' without ADP."

"I got a bunch of Facebook messages from our verbally-committed recruits," added Courtney Miller '13, captain of the

women's lacrosse team. "They asked me if Midd would be fun and I had to say no. It was really awkward."

"This really puts us in a bind," said Quinn. "It's too late to recruit kids to fill these spots. I guess we'll just have to start pulling kids up from the IM teams next

year."

He added, "Unless, of course, the College decides to re-instate ADP. We could convince some of these kids to come back and play for us, the student population would have a place to party again, and all would be well in the world."



FILE PHOTO

The disbandment of Delta House caused an uproar amongst recruited athletes.

Liebowitz encourages every form of activism on campus

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promptly returned to Middlebury.

Students who have been fighting for the College to divest its own endowment from fossil fuels were thrilled to see their President supporting the cause.

"I'm hoping that this will bode well for the future of Middlebury's endowment," said Jordan Goodsell '14. "I'm proud of [Liebowitz] for joining the fight against climate change. It's about time that the College practices what it preaches."

Others, however, were not as impressed with Liebowitz's actions. Professor of Psychology George Chapman felt that Liebowitz's arrest demonstrated "incredible irresponsibility" and "a complete lack of professionalism."

"Why our President would be chanting about some hot-button issue instead of doing his job and running the College is beyond me," said Chapman. "He needs to make informed decisions on issues and do what is best for the College as a whole, not get arrested for violating the privacy of a fellow leader in higher education."

Liebowitz deflected all criticism, however, stating his belief in the importance of activism on campus.

"Activism in all forms is important and necessary," said Liebowitz. "The cause and the means are irrelevant — all that matters is that students get involved in any and every way possible."

Standing strong in his stance, Liebowitz intends to apply his new ideals to all facets of the College. His first order of business — pushing forward an activism requirement, beginning with the Class of 2017.

"The winds of change are coming to Middlebury, and right now our sails are riddled with apathy," said Liebowitz. "As an institution whose primary objective is education, it is incumbent that we teach the next generation how to shake things up."

The president will hold open office hours in Old Chapel on Thursday, April 18. He invites any and all members of the college community to come discuss the arrest, activism and the future of divestment at the College.

WHAT'S NOT HAPPENING AT MIDDLEBURY THIS WEEK?

Working Printers
JK. 242k might work, might not. Try 303. ALWAYS

Naked Zumba
See what your Proctor crush has been hiding under those sweats. SUNDAY AT 4 P.M.

STD testing
Did you READ that article?! PARTON



Invasive survey examines stress levels

By Schenley Coles

In tandem with the release of the admissions statistics for the Middlebury College class of 2017 — which have set nation-wide records across all categories — the Office of Admissions recently released the results of a study co-published with the department of psychology, which demonstrate the significant emotional and physical stress associated with the admission process.

Unbeknownst to the 40 prospective students who were chosen at random to participate in the study (from the nearly 17,782 applicants to the College), each participant was monitored for a period of two months prior to the release of the admission decisions and analyzed for psychological and physical indicators of stress. Though students were unaware that they were being monitored, the study was conducted with the written consent of each student's legal guardian.

According to the lead researcher in the study, Professor of Cognitive Abnormalities and Oddities Daniel Boyster, the study was comprised of three parts, two of which monitored the psychological signs of stress and one that monitored physical indicators of elevated levels of tension.

In conjunction with the department of film and media studies, guardians agreed to allow researchers to place webcams in student's bedrooms in order to monitor the sleeping patterns of students.

"We were shocked by the results," said Professor of Lighting and Sound Analysis in Western Film, Martha Smitherman. "Of those that participated in the study, 68 percent of students exhibited signs of increased agitation in their sleeping patterns as the admissions deadline neared."

Though the study had no connection to the decisions by the Office of Admissions to admit students, 14 of the 40 students in the sample were offered a place in the class of 2017.

"Curiously, nearly all of those students who demonstrated sleep agitation received offers of admission by the College. Perhaps these results suggest a link between sleep agitation and the academic, athletic and social excellence," she said.

Upon a close analysis of the nighttime videotapes, Smitherman noted that a number of students spoke in their sleep about the admissions decisions.

"No Mom, I don't want to talk about it right now!" said one participant, before rolling in agitation to her side. Another appeared to rattle off the names of the schools that he had applied to. "Middlebury, Williams, Dartmouth, Bowdoin, Brown, UVM, UNH, UC Berkeley, UC Santa Cruz, Princeton, Harvard,

Results from the sociological assessment indicated that 78 percent of students who were granted admission to the college were "extremely pissy" when posed the question.

In a second portion of the study, researchers collaborated with faculty from the department of biology in order to evaluate the physical signs of stress associated with the admissions process.

"Caregivers agreed to allow us to place an invisible film over their children's track pads [on their laptops] so that we could monitor sweat secretion," said Distinguished Professor of Human Cortisol Secretion, Jeanine Baxter. "Secretion statistics showed that 99 percent of students had sweatier fingers — a clear indicator of stress — as the admission decision loomed," she said.

According to Baxter, the film placed on students' laptops was produced by one of the many enormous machines in Bicentennial Hall, which was purchased for \$389.7 million exclusively for the use in the study.

When asked about the fiscal responsibility of the purchase of the Cortisol Monitor-For-U machine, lead researcher, Boyster stated, "This is a landmark study. The Cortisol Monitor-For-U is worth it."

Though researchers were pleased with the study, some students expressed outrage at having been monitored without

their consent.

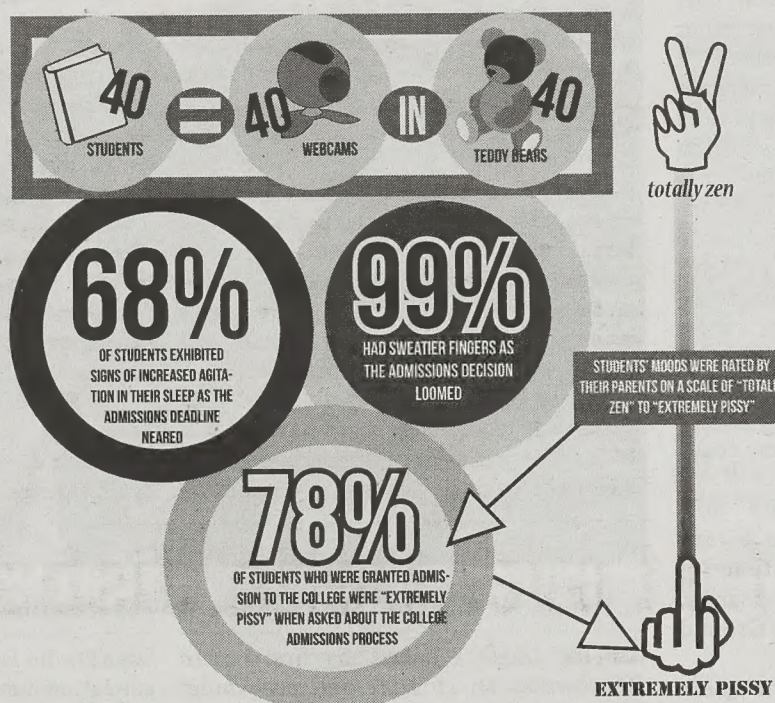
"I feel like I was in a new spin off of Big Brother," said Mary Schuzter, a prospective student.

"Yeah, what is this? Reality Sleep-ville, College Edition?" said Devon Martin, another prospective student. "What is the College going to do with these tapes?"

Both Schuzter and Martin said that they are reconsidering their decision to attend Middlebury as a result of the study.

In response to the criticism, Director of Admissions Franklin Martle, has stated that the College has locked the tapes in an undisclosed location on campus.

"There in a chamber of secrets of sorts," he said, referencing the often-popular comparison between the College and Harry Potter. "Public Safety officers, our real wizards, will guard them as though the videotapes were the Erised mirror — or one of the horcruxes — in the room of requirement."



Yale," he said, as he thrashed his covers to one side of the bed.

In seeking to encourage cross-departmental collaboration, the department of anthropology and sociology was also invited to participate in the study. Researchers asked caregivers to complete a daily, unbiased assessment of their children's demeanor as the admissions decisions approached.

"Guardians were asked to pose a simple question to their kids," said Professor of Problematizing and Oppression studies, Sandra Mathus, "and use the response to rate the student on a scale from 'highly Zen' to 'extremely pissy'."

The question caregivers were instructed to pose: "So hon, how are you feeling about the admission process?" yielded a wide variety of responses, ranging from "death stares," to "frank, well-thought-out assessments, displaying a high degree of emotional intelligence," according to parents.

Six-plate limit angers student body

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per semester. All lab animals will be weaned off leftovers and will instead be provided with BugMunch nutrition bars. Students wishing to feed Proctor Cat will have the opportunity to purchase Purina Cat Chow for \$3.50 per can as a supplement to their meal plan.

"I'm pretty pleased with the administration's decision," said Virginia Johnson '15. "I have a laundry list of dietary restrictions, some of which are self-imposed or made up, so I'm pretty limited by the dining hall options anyway. I plan on opting out of the plan. But I think I can throw off Proctor Cat a can or two of food each week, like, as a random act of kindness."

Other students, however, are not as thrilled with the change.

"Meal plan?! I'm transferring," said Ted Stewart '14.

The price of each meal has not yet been determined, but according to Dining Services Budget Coordinator Lisa Reynolds, it is likely that they will correspond with visitor prices:

\$5 for breakfast, \$7 for lunch and \$9 for dinner.

The meal plan will apply to Proctor, Ross and Atwater dining halls. Other College-owned food operations — The Grille, Crossroads Café, Wilson Café and 51 Main — will not accept meal swipes.

"We thought about it," Vice President of Administration Timothy Spears said. "But we realized that if The Grille was included on the meal plan, students would just go there instead of going to the dining halls. I mean, who in their right mind would choose tempeh and mung beans over a Love Me Tender with some sweet potato fries?"

In addition to the meal plan, all students will be charged for a personal supply of dishes at the start of the year, for which they will be held responsible. The dish package will consist of six plates, six bowls and eight glasses. If dishes are misplaced, students can purchase a replacement set or mooch off of friends.

"We'll be killing all birds with one stone thanks to the new meal plan," Reynolds said. "We're hoping that if students have to pay for

things — bowls in particular — that they will no longer hoard bowls in their room just because they would rather eat Annie's Organic Mac & Cheese out of a real dish instead of a plastic microwaveable cup."

Some students, however, are less convinced that the meal plan and dish package will lead them to change their habits.

"My parents have paid for my tuition, parking tickets and books in the past. I'm confident that they'll pay for my meal plan and dishes, too. I don't think it'll change much for me," said Will Robbins '16, who plans to sign up for a meal plan that will allow him five meals per day in the College's dining establishments: "first breakfast, second breakfast, lunch, snack, dinner. Boom."

The College will establish a working group to review the effects of the meal plan after being implemented for two years, at which point a report will be submitted to Old Chapel to outline areas of potential improvement. Students are invited to apply to the working group at go/eatyourheartoutmiddlebury.

PUBLIC SAFETY LOG MARCH 14-APRIL 1, 2013

DATE	TIME	INCIDENT	DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	DISPOSITION
4/1/13	10:43 a.m.	Fireworks Possession	Students found with fireworks	Pearsons	It's 10:43 in the morning. Come ON.
4/1/13	3:10 p.m.	Noise complaint	Silent Rave	Xenia	Shocking turn of events.
4/1/13	9:31 p.m.	\$500 parking ticket	No Reason	Proctor	Pub Safe for the win.
4/1/13	1:50 a.m.	Vandalism	graffiti, taxidermy	Hillcrest, where else	ew.
4/1/13	unknown	Vandalism	Vegetation	637 College Street	Aggressive hugging of the trees.
4/1/13	12:00 pm.	Missing Adult	Was soon located	Old Chapel	[It was Ron]
4/1/13	3:55 a.m.	Noise complaint	Clean up party!	Delta	See #2

The Department of Public Safety reported giving 2,400 alcohol citations between 3/14/2013 and 4/1/2013.

OVERSEAS BRIEFING

BY WOODIE MORTIMER '25

Turks and Caicos

As I applied to study abroad as a naive sophomore, I came to Robert Frost's proverbial two roads diverging. I could take the "easy path," and study abroad in a predictable locale — the politically volatile Middle East — or, I could really challenge myself. I chose the latter. I decided to take a leap — a leap into the unknown and into the uncharted. I decided to take a leap into the warm, azure blue waters of the Caribbean.

I knew that studying abroad in Turks and Caicos would not be a walk in the park. My family has vacationed here since I was young; my earliest memories are of warm sunshine on my face and of soft, white sand stuck in the crotch of my swim diaper. But even a seasoned vacationer's experience and the company of seven of my closest friends (shoutout! Love you, girlies!) have not spared me the trials and tribulations of island life. And so I'm done pretending. I'm done convincing myself that this will be the "time of my life" like the study abroad office claimed it would. I don't want to complain, because people will call me out for being rich, white and privileged, but I am ready to be honest: my semester in island paradise has been really, really difficult.

To start with the important things, nightlife here has little to offer. Having to choose between multiple bars with live music and diverse drink options is absolutely debilitating. I miss the countless Thursday nights I've spent shivering in the long line outside Two Bros, secure in the knowledge that nowhere else is any better. I never know when a party is over either, because Public Safety never arrives to break things up. I can hardly remember what it feels like to be handed the yellow carbon copy of a citation, to slip in Keystone Light beer slick or to heave up a late night Love-Me-Tender.

Adjusting to a new diet has been difficult as well. I'm trying to be "culturally sensitive," okay, but I can't help but dream of the mayonnaise-y thickness of Proctor's imitation crab salad as I choke down freshly caught lobster. My mouth waters at the mere thought of mung beans and seitan, and drinking juice at dinner just doesn't feel right.

The "natural beauty" of the Caribbean is overrated, honestly. It's nothing compared to the stark, rusting exterior of Johnson Memorial Building or Tim Parsons' poor saplings snapped by drunken revelers. And as for the wildlife — well, the songs of the island's birds just make me homesick for the strangled meows that emanate from the rabid Proctor Cat's lair.

I could go on [editors note: and I will]. I miss unreliable Internet (middle secure? misnomer). I miss my Vitamin D deficiency. I miss the constant fear of losing an extremity to frostbite or a Bean boot to the squelching abyss of Battell Beach. I miss 8 a.m. classes. I miss paying exorbitant prices for laundry.

To quote the poet Drake, "you only live once, that's the motto [expletive], YOLO." You only live once, but if I were given the chance to live twice, and to return to the forest intersection of Frost's famous poem, I would choose differently. There's no place like Middlebury. I miss it. I can't wait to be back. Fall 2013, get at me!!!

'Til then, check out my travel blog: tumblr.com/putthelimeinthecoconut

Vermont Legalizes Marijuana

local cafe slated to double as dispensary

By Isaac Baker

On Friday, March 29, the Vermont state senate passed a long-debated and incredibly contentious bill, legalizing the use of marijuana throughout the state. Supporters of the bill, including many members of the growing Vermont Right to Toke Coalition, held a rally on the state's capitol steps to celebrate the passage of this new legislation.

"This is such a great day for all of us," said Buddy Reefer, president of the Right to Toke Coalition. "No longer will we be forced to smoke in the dark of night, living in perpetual fear of state and federal law enforcement. Today, these senators have delivered us from bondage and made one thing clear: marijuana is a human right."

The language of the bill allows Vermonters to grow marijuana and to distribute it freely without compensation. For those without the proverbial "green thumb," the state plans to set up dispensaries in every major city that will offer all manner of THC-infused products with an added tax. These products will run the gamut, ranging from edibles like brownies to concentrated THC oils to your every day spliff, sold in packaging similar to cigarettes.

Revenues from these dispensaries will go to fund state animal sanctuaries, petting zoos, Ben & Jerry's and a number of other organizations supported by the Right to Toke Coalition.

"It's such a relief to know that our animals will be receiving top quality

care," said Vermont Petting Zoo owner Sally Green at the rally. "With the funding from all of this legal drug-use, we'll be able to offer our animals on the spot medical care and top quality cuisine 24/7. Not to mention massages, psychological testing and all of these other things our animals have been lacking."

Vermont senator Bernie Sanders also spoke at the rally, congratulating marijuana smokers across the state on this most recent victory.

"It makes me so proud," said Sanders, "to know that this, the greenest state in the nation, just got a little greener. Today marks the end of our dependence on drugs from foreign, war-torn states, just as it marks the empowerment of the Vermont farmer and citizen alike. Yes we can grow it, yes we can smoke it and yes,

we can build a new economy around it."

Already, state officials have begun to announce the locations of these state dispensaries, including Higher Ground in Burlington, Vt., Smokin' Bowls in Rockingham, Vt., and Carol's Hungry Mind Café in Middlebury, Vt.

"It's hard to imagine how much money we're going to make," said Carol's part-time bus boy Alonzo Chronic. "With all these college kids in town, we're not going to be able to bake the brownies fast enough. I've always been taking baked goods home at the end of the work day and I'm just not sure there's going to be anything left over."

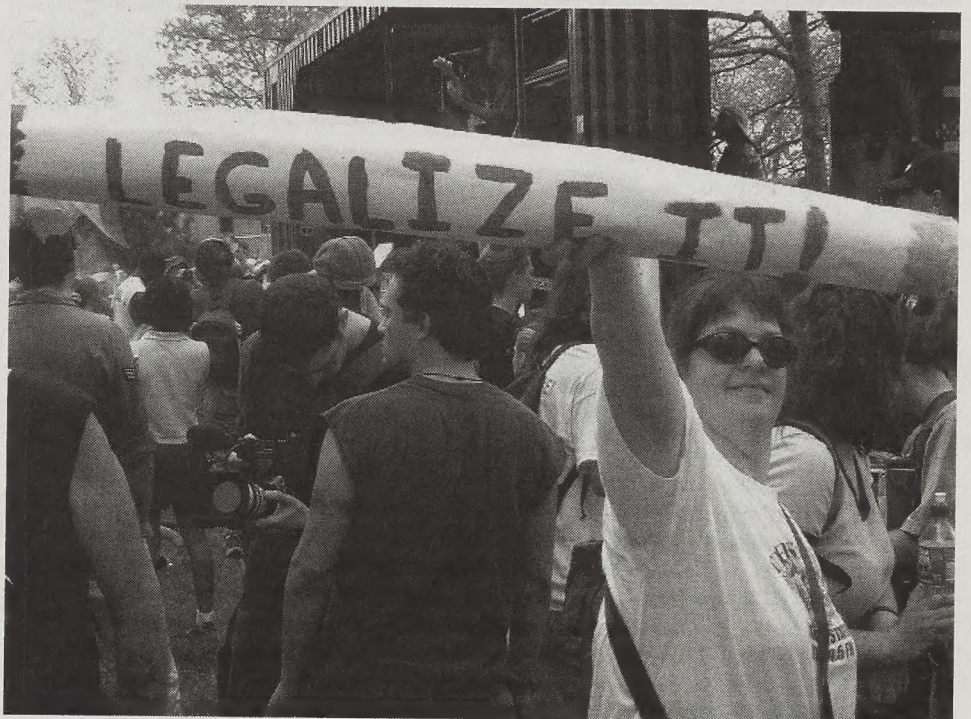
Mary Jane, Carol's full-time baker, noted, however, that this change is anything but positive for her.

"I don't care if it's legal, I don't know how to cook with it!" said Jane. "Not to mention the fact that my kittens don't

"Today, these senators have delivered us from bondage and made one thing clear: marijuana is a human right."

BUDDY REEFER

PRESIDENT OF THE RIGHT TO TOKE COALITION



THE RABLOG.COM

The Vermont Right to Toke Coalition showed its enthusiasm at a rally this week.

like the smell. I baked my first batch of brownies on Monday and my whole house started smelling like the back of a VW van."

Despite these reservations, Jane did admit that the dramatic increase in her salary would likely be enough to compensate for these inconveniences.

Russ Tafari, owner of Smokin Bowls, cited a different reason for supporting this legislation.

"I mean, I'm not going to say I never smoked on the job," said Tafari in an interview. "But it's nice to know that now I can enjoy any kind of bowl on my work breaks, chili or otherwise."

Support for this legislation, however, was not universal. Many school administrators have noted that they have already seen an incredible rise in marijuana use among students, starting as early as age eight.

"Standardized test scores are now in grave danger," said Mark Savage, superintendent at Middlebury Union High-school. "Marijuana is not conducive to classroom learning and will lead to the gradual unraveling of society if it is allowed to continue."

On the other hand, Mike Hutchinson, an elementary school teacher at the Bridge School in Middlebury, did notice some positive effects.

"It used to be that students were running around, restless in their seats, always shouting out responses ahead of one another," said Hutchinson. "Now it's much easier to teach. Students are content to just lie on the floor and listen for hours at a time, and I'm hopeful that this new lecture style will help with the standardized tests. The only problem now is figuring out how to stop them from snacking every chance they get."

While the jury is still out on whether or not marijuana will enhance or detract

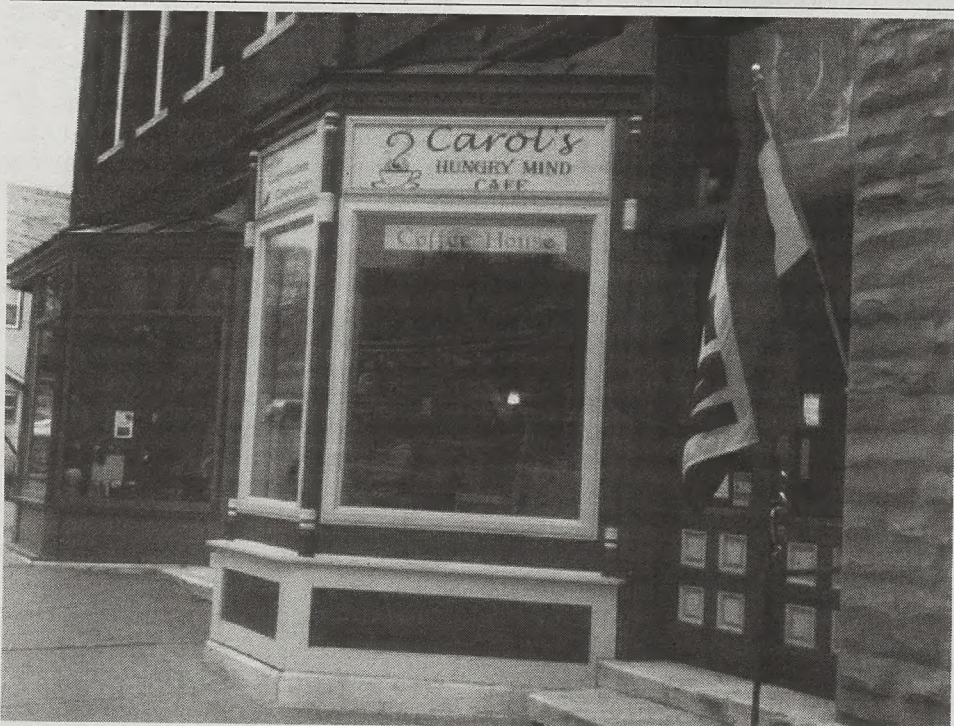
from students' learning, supporters of legalization cited a number of benefits that Vermont will likely enjoy in this new era of marijuana. Many contend that marijuana is far less dangerous than other already legal substances like alcohol.

"I drive like a pro when I'm high," said Reefer. "And as much as I'd like to think so, that's just not true when I've been drinking. On top of that, no one's ever died from smoking. No one is calling the ambulance on Friday and Saturday nights to get their lungs pumped."

In light of the growing obesity epidemic here in the state and across the nation, many supporters have also noted that marijuana can be a zero-calorie option for those seeking an altered state.

More ardent supporters have even noted that their psychic abilities have increased as a result of their marijuana use.

"The health benefits are too many to count," concluded Reefer. "Whether a patient is seeking pain relief, or a college student is just looking to lighten things up on the weekend, marijuana is the safest way and we should be doing everything in our power to make this available for people. Vermont has once again shown itself to be on the right side of history, forging a path into a delightfully smoky future."



YELP.COM

Carol's Hungry Mind Cafe has just been selected to be a distributor of marijuana.

LOCAL LOWDOWN 24

All You Can Eat Ice Cream in Vergennes

The Vergennes Laundry is hosting an all-you-can-eat ice cream benefit this Friday night. Ben & Jerry's has generously offered to give them as much ice cream as people can possibly eat. Prizes will be awarded for eating style, greatest quantity consumed, and exceptional flavor selection.

For more information, call 802-443-3000.

APRIL 5, 7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

Kanye West to play at Two Brothers

The much acclaimed hip-hop artist Kanye West will be sharing his lyrical stylings with the Middlebury community this Friday night. Come out and enjoy some alternative music with your friends and Two Brothers will give you a beer, free of charge. There is no age requirement or cover charge.

APRIL 5, 7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

Dog Show comes to Middlebury

Do you have a dog you've been dying to show off to the world? Now is your chance! The World Dog Show Federation is coming to host its competition in Middlebury, Vt. all day on Saturday. Doggie salons, barbers shops, dry cleaning, and all manner of other essential dog beauty parlors will come to town as well.

APRIL 6, 7:30 A.M. - 9:30 P.M.

Vermont Yankee signs deal with North Korea

By Conor Grant

Last Thursday, the Vermont Yankee Nuclear power plant signed a \$2 billion deal with North Korea to become the country's largest supplier of nuclear warheads.

The United Nations Nuclear Appreciation Committee (UNNAC) recently honored the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with the position of nuclear warfare adviser to the entire UN, making their choice of the Vermont Yankee an even greater honor.

"We are incredibly excited to partner with North Korea," said Arma G. Eddon, chief publicist for the Vermont Yankee. "We think this will be the beginning of a new and productive era of friendship between Vermont and North Korea."

The terms of the partnership remain unclear, but commentator Adam Bohms says that the relationship is sure to benefit Vermonters.

"There is at least a four percent chance that the North Koreans pay us for the bombs," said Bohms excitedly.

"Even if they don't pay us," he con-

tinued, "making bombs will give Vermonters something to do."

Kim Jong-Un, the Supreme Leader of the North Korean government and a life-long skier at Mad River Glen, says that he chose Vermont as the site for North Korean nuclear bomb production for a number of reasons.

"Mostly, I chose Vermont because I already import two thousand cases of Cabot Chipotle Cheddar every month for quesadillas anyway," said Kim Jong-Un. "I didn't want to have to import my bombs and cheese separately."

Vermonters also believe that their state is the ideal location for nuclear bomb manufacturing.

"The mountains on either side of the state will contain fallout in the event that one of the bombs accidentally detonates," said University of Vermont geophysicist Igneous Krust. "Plus, there aren't that many people in Vermont anyway."

"Vermont is an ideal place to manufacture bombs," said prominent conservationist Hap E. Trease. "People here really like guns, so bombs are the natu-



COURTESY OF BUSINESS INSIDER

North Korean leader Kim Jong-Un recently signed a deal with the Vermont Yankee.

ral next step. If the Yankee ends up producing too many bombs, we can just give them to Vermont hunters."

Jackson Trigger, spokesman for the Vermont Squirrel Hunting Association (VSHA), says that the use of nuclear bombs will revolutionize squirrel hunting in the state.

"Squirrels are so damn small that sometimes it is difficult to kill them with guns," said Trigger. "But bombs would be a perfect way to take out a couple hundred of those bastards in one fell swoop."

Vermonters across the state echo Trigger's optimism.

"I am glad that government officials have finally decided to act in my best interest," said Middlebury resident Dee Zaster. "Finally there is a way to bring money into the state without having to stick a wind-turbine in my living room or build a water park."

The initiative is expected to provide at least twelve Vermonters with new jobs. It will provide Vermonters with something to look forward to other than the Middlebury Chili Festival and will enable state officials to boast at least one non-food related export. It will also provide

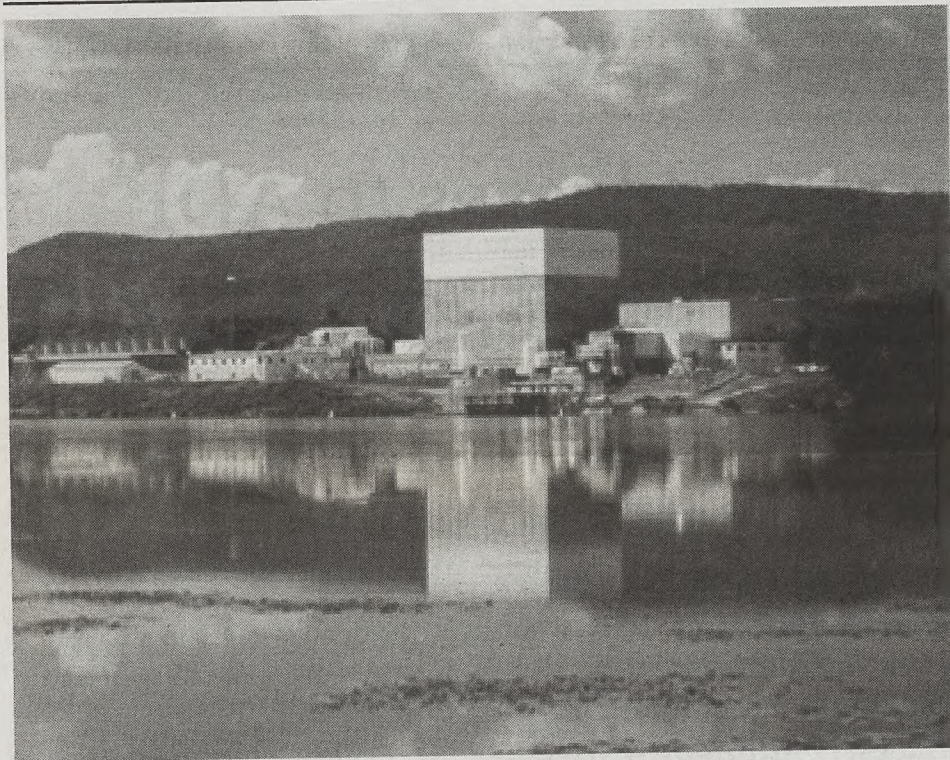
at least fourteen people with something to complain about other than climate change.

Kim Jong-Un has requested that all of the bomb shipments sent to North Korea are maple-scented, and Vermont Yankee officials are currently in the process of developing maple-scented air fresheners that will remain attached to the bombs and continue to exude their delicious maple scent even after the bombs have exploded.

Plans to install the bomb-making infrastructure are set to begin immediately.

Although a runaway cow recently found its way inside the control room of the Vermont Yankee and destroyed the safety equipment that monitors radioactivity levels in the factory, technicians are confident that bomb-production will begin within the end of the month with or without these safety mechanisms in place.

"North Korea and Vermont really have a lot in common," said Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin. "I am confident that this will be the beginning of a long and mutually beneficial relationship."



COURTESY OF WGBH

The Vermont Yankee is transitioning from producing energy to nuclear bombs.

ONE IN 8,700

Where the personalites of Middlebury proper are celebrated

By Conor Grant

A big commotion in the Middlebury dairy community has given rise to Middlebury's newest celebrity, a dairy cow named Trisha.

Trisha — her full name is Patricia Alison — is a three year-old cow owned by Felix Jiemoe. Her recent fame has garnered national recognition and landed her a spot on the Today Show this coming Saturday.

Jiemoe, the owner of Happy Udder Farms in Middlebury, has reported an incredible increase in Trisha's weekly milk yield. Trisha has produced at least 40 gallons in each of the last three weeks.

"To be frank, I've never seen anything like it," said farmer Felix Jiemoe. "It is a remarkable feat in the dairy community."

An above-average dairy cow will produce roughly 20 gallons of milk a week, and amounts more than 30 gallons have seldom been reported in the history of dairy farming. Trisha produces milk at a rate of 80 SPM's (squirts per minute), which is more than twice the average speed of a normal cow's milk production.

Farmers across the state have taken notice of Jiemoe's prized cow.

"She has one hell of an udder," said

Travis Lactasm. "I would give anything to have an animal that can produce that kind of milk on a weekly basis."

Other farmers, like Mike Jiblit, have travelled long distance just for a chance to watch the incredible Trisha during the milking process.

"I'm a religious man," reported Jiblit, "But that cow is a divine gift. I think I am going to start going to church."

Jiemoe said that farmers making the pilgrimage to watch him milk Trisha in the morning has become a nuisance for him and his family. Groups of more than two-dozen self-described 'Trish-heads' have begun to show up at Jiemoe's home at all hours of the day to get a glimpse of the fabled cow.

"At first I thought it was flattering," said Jiemoe. "Now, my wife and children are scared to go out of the house."

Jiemoe also reports that the Trish-heads have begun to engage in more than just trespassing and have begun to steal dried-up cow excrement as souvenirs of what they believe to be the divine Trisha. Jiemoe has gotten in multiple verbal altercations with trespassers and thieves on his property. He has taken to sitting on his porch with a shotgun until late at night and he has installed a comprehensive surveillance system to pro-

tect Trisha.

"Trisha is the greatest blessing that I have ever had the pleasure of receiving," said Jiemoe. "I would die to protect her."

Trisha's Facebook page received more than 3,200 likes in the last day, and her Twitter feed recently tripled the reach of Bill McKibben's 350.org.



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Trisha the cow recently eclipsed Bill McKibben as Middlebury's most famous resident.

OPINIONS

The Middlebury Campus

APRILFOOLS#jokes#satire ... no, but seriously

As you hopefully have figured out by this point, none of the stories in this issue are true (and if you haven't, don't let us burst your bubble — gullible *was* removed from the dictionary!). Editors at the *Campus* use April Fool's Day as an excuse to take a break from our usual blend of hard-hitting journalism, deeply profound opinion pieces and revealing profiles of the student body in order to poke fun at ourselves and the community as a whole. We do this not to alienate any particular group or have a cheap laugh, but to add a new perspective of our lives through the lens of humor.

Satire has always had an important role in pre-

sending news from a new angle. Satire is sometimes the sole way to communicate the truth in societies where more serious news is subject to the heavy hand of government censorship. But it also plays a role in the information era, in which we are bombarded by an unending stream of superlatively negative news reports. Perhaps as a way to escape this or perhaps because of it, more and more people mine their news from comedic avenues like *The Daily Show* or *The Colbert Report*, while publications like *The Onion* serve as both a welcome commentary on serious issues and a check about the mundane reality of everyday life. Shows such as "South Park" serve society by testing limits, targeting every possible group and daring them to take it seriously. Satire preserves the First Amendment and the principle of equality by reducing hypersensitive matters to absurdity.

This is not to say that satire has no limits. Several weeks ago we criticized the posting of "flying spaghetti monster" posters created in response to advertisements for the Middlebury Christian Fellowship because they served no broader purpose than belittling the beliefs of a set group of students. True satire builds on reality in order to build a dialogue; it cannot discriminate and cannot disparage. The *Onion* recently found that line when it hurled an out-of-context insult at a child actress. Similarly, problematic attitudes towards topics like race and gender cloaked in satire can serve to glorify unhealthy attitudes. Websites like "Bros Like This," which refer to women as "slam pieces" and worse, even if intended to mock a particular

culture, merely reinforce misogyny.

The April Fool's edition of the *Campus* is one of our most-read throughout the year, even among students who have long since figured out the joke. Its comedic value comes not only from surprise and initial credulity, but from the need to laugh at ourselves. By presenting issues that we often treat as grave and even dire in a more entertaining light, we gain a more holistic perspective. Satire, in short, can show truths through humor. We believe that our purpose as a campus organization is both to inform and to entertain. In exercising our right to mock, we hope to maintain an atmosphere where not all discourse has to be serious.

We continue this tradition of satire in the hopes of entertaining our long-time readers, but also with the goal of expanding dialogues around the more serious matters from which students may have stayed away throughout the year. If any of you read this and laugh, we have done our job well. But even if you don't, and you read an article about the STI epidemic and decide to get tested, read about divestment and decide to become more informed or simply realize that the mere fact that there are no sacred cows on this campus says something extremely important about liberal arts and liberal society, then this issue has served a broader purpose.

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Sending hugs and kisses to ADP

The administration's attempt to delegitimize ADP demonstrates its continued effort to drown the voice of activists and marginalize those who are most affected by the decision — not just ADP members themselves, but also the students who will suffer from the closure of one of the last safe spaces left on campus. In addition, the administration's decision was made by solely corporately-approved means.

Many members of ADP go on to top Wall Street jobs. They become our most valuable alumni, providing us with the bulk of our endowment after toiling selflessly for the good of Middlebury and the good of the future.

Dismantling ADP continues to perpetuate the structural bias the administration displays against members of social houses, continually prosecuting ethically acting students for challenging unethical limits on dorm damage. Forcing Prescott House residents to pay for thousands of dollars in damage constitutes theft, which the handbook — a book which we are incredibly familiar with — does not tolerate.

The administration's decision is undeniably one void of compassion. In fact, the decision brought back the intense emotional and psychological trauma of being prosecuted by an institution. As members of the SWTTQS, these feelings are very real to us, and we cry tears of compassion for our friends in ADP for the similar injustice and oppression they face.

We are not trying to personally attack members of the ad-

ministration. These atrocities are collective responsibilities, and they are deeply embedded in the destructive power relationships that Middlebury perpetuates. We are tired of witnessing the marginalization of members of social houses and varsity athletes at this bastion of liberal consciousness, while at the same time the College unrelentingly advocates against oppression in all forms.

These are sad prospects for Middlebury College and the world. But all

hope is not lost. This is not the end of history. The dismantling of ADP was preceded by feudalism. It too will be succeeded. As active actors within capitalist order, we must ask ourselves how to subvert our authoritative positions in order to build the egalitarian foundations of the new society, within the crumbling structures of the old. It is time to stand up

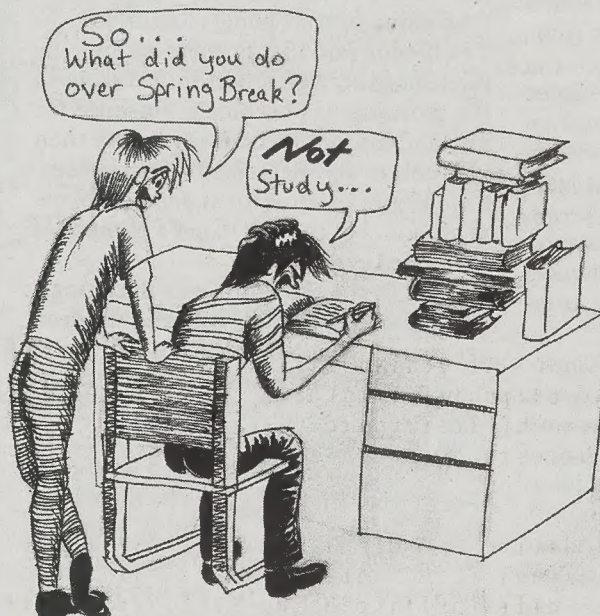
to our values. Remaining neutral is taking the side of the oppressor. Reinstating ADP is a start. We can't quote Ronald Reagan enough: "freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same."

Join us and take Ronald's words to heart — fight for the next generation of ADP members.

READER OP-ED

Students Who Take Themselves Quite Seriously (SWTTQS)

"Dismantling ADP continues to perpetuate the structural bias the administration displays against members of social houses, continually prosecuting ethically acting students for challenging unethical limits on dorm damage."



BY DYLAN LEVY

A revelation from the Dalai Lama

When I first received word of the events that transpired at Middlebury College after my visit there this past autumn, I was filled with a curious mix of anger, confusion and, later, joy. I recall sitting comfortably in the DLWC (Dalai Lama Man Cave) at my residence here in India, sipping herbal tea and working on my rumbling belly laugh, when a courier entered, bowed and informed me that a group of concerned students who referred to themselves as the Dalai Lama Welcoming Committee (DLWC) had emailed the student body

READER OP-ED

His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama is from India and enjoys long walks on the beach and bubble baths

and called for serious action on divestment. Initially enraged that the students would attempt to use my holy name to advance their own random agenda, I threw my tea cup on the ground, shattering across the floor the ancient porcelain that my predecessors, former reincarnations of the Dalai Lama, had used for centuries. When the courier, shocked at my sudden fit of anger, attempted to clean up the mess, I instructed him to leave it. As the esteemed Isaac Newton once proclaimed, every action has an equal and opposite reaction, and I figured that the tea cup would put itself back together eventually.

After excusing my courier from the DLWC, I did what I generally do when faced with a seemingly problematic circumstance: I took approximately 357 zen breaths and rubbed my belly until the thoughts in my mind began to rearrange themselves and open up mental space for new possibilities to emerge. From there, I began to reconsider the action of this group of students. Instead of being angry, couldn't I be honored that they chose to employ my title in their efforts? After another round of zen breaths and an extraordinary number of deepening belly laughs, I indeed found myself humbled by their act. It was, in some symbolic way, a small tribute to my position and the Dalai Lama-hood itself. Recounting the scenes of Vermont in my head — the idyllic rolling green hills, the farmland stretching out for miles, the wintry winds whipping up my robes as I shuffled down the street to get a creemee with my translator at Sama's Café — I felt a renewed faith in the human spirit and its ability to help us connect with

the earth. I then lingered on the notion of divestment in particular. Removing endowment funds from oil companies and arms manufacturers seemed like a decent enough idea, and I'm all for putting your money where your mouth is, but at the root of their efforts was something far more meaningful: the notion of welcoming and being welcome.

How to welcome someone to a foreign land? As someone who has traveled extensively throughout my life, I am constantly being welcomed to new places. More often than not, heads of state greet me at red carpets stretched out on the runway when the DLPP (Dalai Lama Party Plane) arrives. I have been ushered into limos filled with rose petals, whisked away on motorcycles with all-encompassing bullet proof bubbles and drifted via hot air balloons with built-in jacuzzis to the site of my speeches. In Washington, D.C., I even got to ride on a Segway scooter down empty streets as the police cleared the way for my motorcade and me.

Yet for all this extravagance, the bells and whistles my hosts tend to employ do not leave me satisfied. I am a simple man, not bound by materialistic expectations, and while the lavish attempts to usher me into a new country in extraordinary fashion are appreciated, they fail to fulfill my spiritual

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needs. Middlebury students, though perhaps sidetracked with their obsession about divestment, have planted a transformative seed in me. Instead of material clutter, welcoming committees should usher me into new lands. As my translator, an admirable intellectual and cinematic aficionado in his own right, always states, "life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get." Though I respect his ability to quote the great Mr. Gump, I have to wonder what if I did know what I was going to get, upon arriving in a new land at least. Forget the roses, motorcycles and hot air balloons; I hereby call for welcoming committees to be formed for my arrival in new lands from here on out. All greeters, young and old, join together to welcome me to your lands with sincerity and spiritual awareness. To the Middlebury students whose actions sparked this idea for me, I thank you from the bottom of my belly.

Dalai Lama out.

DIVESTMENT INCONSISTENT, CONFUSING

The problem with the divestment push at Middlebury is not that it's too ambitious, but that it does not go far enough. By demanding that the College sell its positions in companies that produce fossil fuels and arms, students tacitly agree both that the profits of other multinational behemoths are acceptable and that the stock market is a legitimate and trustworthy source of wealth creation. This approach is both inconsistent and confusing.

First off, why stop at fossil fuels? As a community we can agree that such a position represents the type of ableist age discrimination against other types of fuels that is shocking to witness in the modern era. If we plan to divest from the production of so-called "fossil" fuels, we have a similar imperative to divest from companies making more hip, modern fuels like ethanol and biomass.

Similarly, it's bizarre to me that student groups have grown so obsessed with the idea of divesting in arms manufacturing.

What about divesting from all mechanical or digital technology? Don't you know that computers are the real killers. Not only are they wrecking your eyesight but I'll bet you some guy used some high-tech digital software to pinpoint the exact location of the last guerilla raid or super-blast or cosmological explosion. And don't forget to cut out baseball bats, sticks, all sharp metal objects — knitting needles especially — and, worst of all cheese. It may have been a satirical movie, but Nick Naylor had it right when he said Vermont itself is a perpetrator of death in supporting the dairy industry, which, through its cheese is singlehandedly clogging Americans' arteries. Honestly, it's a dog-eat-dog world out there. It's probably more socially responsible not to invest in anything. Which brings me to my next point.

The stock market is flawed! The endowment at the moment buys into the idea that the stock market actually represents something tangible. It does not. People like Bernie Madoff are not punished for breaking this rule, but rather for shining a spotlight on the foolishness of the whole system. When Middlebury purchases stock in a company, the future price of that stock — and, thus, the value of our endowment — is not determined by any real gain, but rather by whether other investors join in, pushing the stock price ever higher and allowing the initial buyers to receive a profit. Sound familiar? That's exactly how a pyramid scheme works. As

an institution, Middlebury cannot bear the continued risk of meeting our budgetary needs with imaginary profits.

In order to remedy this situation, I have some emergency alternatives. The best option would be to abandon our participation in any kind of intangible market. President Liebowitz and the trustees could, in a series of visits to ATMs across the country, withdraw all \$900 million in cash. The refurbishment of the President's house downtown would provide

the perfect cover for storing this money in the walls as insulation. Student mattresses could also be augmented by having large wads of singles stuffed inside them. God knows they're thin enough at the moment.

If cash isn't acceptable, though, I want

to make the college community aware of some other fantastic opportunities. As I saw on television the other night, the price of gold is at an all-time high, and is only going to grow. Instead of investing in an arbitrary wealth creation mechanism like the stock market, Middlebury could purchase large quantities of gold bullion, converting the basement of Prescott House into a makeshift vault. Especially in times of economic turmoil, the value of this would only grow over time.

If we wanted to diversify our assets, we would be best served by purchasing tangible commodities. Instead of investing in fossil fuel companies, for example, we could buy oil and coal futures. This would fit nicely with the agenda of Middlebury-affiliated activists who aim to reduce the supply of oil through means like blocking the construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, which would drive up the price. Efforts to block coal-exporting port construction across the West Coast and Liquid Natural Gas terminals across the East might, if successful, have a similar price effect. With investments in these commodities, the Board of Trustees could wholeheartedly back these efforts knowing that they would mean a significant payday for the College.

Finally, I suggest that the College consider investing in real estate both in Middlebury and across the country. Prices are at an all-time low, but people will always need houses to live in. As the ultimate tangible good, I can't foresee a circumstance where the value of a house would ever go down.

READER OP-ED

Dick Fuld is the former chair of the Middlebury College Board of Trustees and former CEO of Lehman Brothers

"If we plan to divest from the production of so-called 'fossil' fuels, we have a similar imperative to divest from companies making more hip, modern fuels like ethanol and biomass."

Campus journalism deserves Pulitzer!

Dear editorial board of the *Middlebury Campus*,

READER OP-ED

Middlebury College Student Body

As the 2,600 members of the Middlebury student body, we would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to the editorial staff of the *Campus*. The groundbreaking and cutting-edge content you bring us every Thursday leaves us sated with knowledge. Without your writers, we would not be aware of such breaking news stories as "Lake Champlain Bridge Community Commemorates Two-year Anniversary of the Bridge's Closure," "YAM Trumps Harvard Box Fort World Record," "Vt. Soapworks Cleans Naturally" or "Snow Geese Population Booms, Migration Shifts." For months we had been stymied by the exorbitant number of geese sightings on campus, but the *Campus* article gave us the answers we so craved.

And without the *Campus*, Valentine's Day this year would have been abysmal. Before we read the spread, we had no idea that the Gifford bathroom is the best place to hookup on campus! You guys were right — it was great; although, as soon as the *Campus* broke the news, there was a pretty long line to get in.

The *Campus* continually enlightens us. Science majors were floored after reading "Greenhouse Cultivates Plants, Curiosity" — they had always wondered what it was, exactly, that the greenhouse cultivated. But the *Campus* once again provided us with

"We also love reading your pull quotes, which often take up more than half of the actual written content. You think we don't notice this ingenious trick, but we do."

(FILLER SPACEEEEEEEEEEE)."

the answer: it's PLANTS! The greenhouse cultivates PLANTS!

For many of us, the *Campus* has also made us feel better about ourselves. After the paper published "Parton Sees Rise in Erectile Dysfunction," many of us guys breathed a collective sigh of relief, finally understanding that we are far from alone.

We also have the *Campus* to thank for the general

safety of the student body. In the weekly-published Public Safety log, the *Campus* has alerted us to such threats as "Sticky Note Pads Put On Walls," "Urination in Language School Towel Bag," "Vegetation Vandalism," "Burning Ping Pong Ball" and "Holes in the Wall." Next time we whip out our language school towel bags on the way to the gym, we'll be sure to keep a close eye for rogue urinators.

And how could we leave out the weekly staff editorial you publish? Thank you so much for calling on the student body to engage in dialogue. Before we read the *Campus*, we would sit with our friends in Proctor in total silence. But now we engage in dialogue and it's awesome! It's also a really fun game to spend a couple of hours every Thursday trying to figure out what exactly is the message of the editorial. Even if we never quite figure it out, we always enjoy the weekly tradition of reading about "critical thinking," "calls for community," "the Middlebury bubble," and "student responsibility," where any hint of a bold stance is inevitably hedged against every possible alternative.

So thank you again, *Campus* editorial staff, for upholding the very highest of journalistic standards. Years after we graduate, Thursdays will continue to be a day we hail with zest and anticipation, knowing that

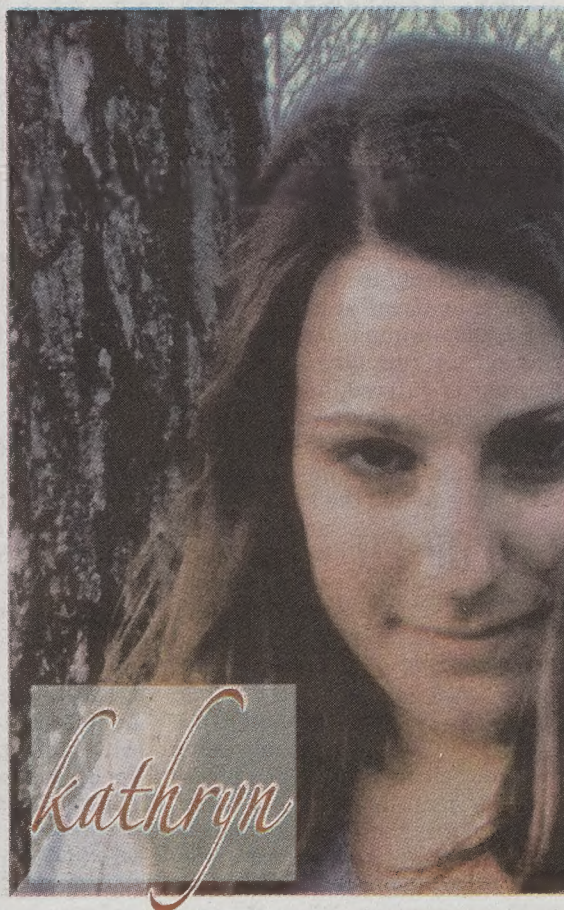
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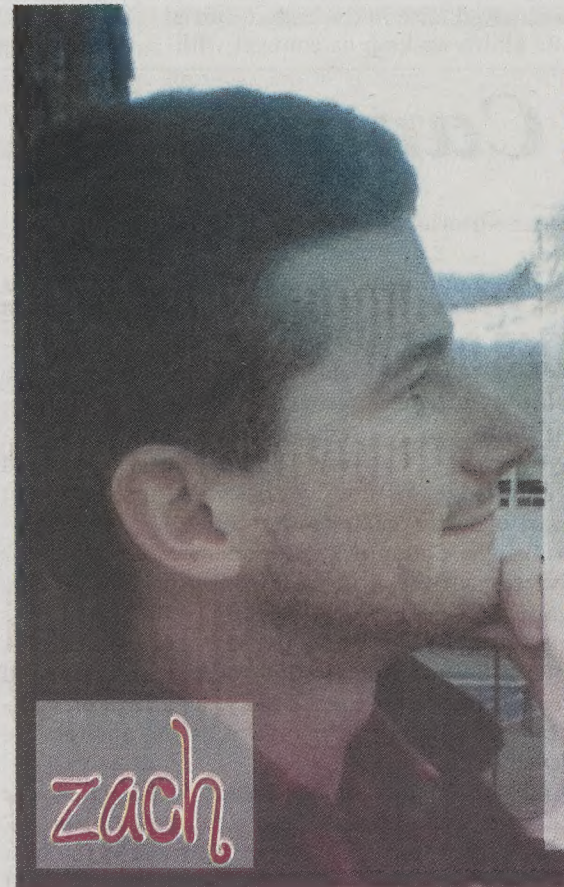
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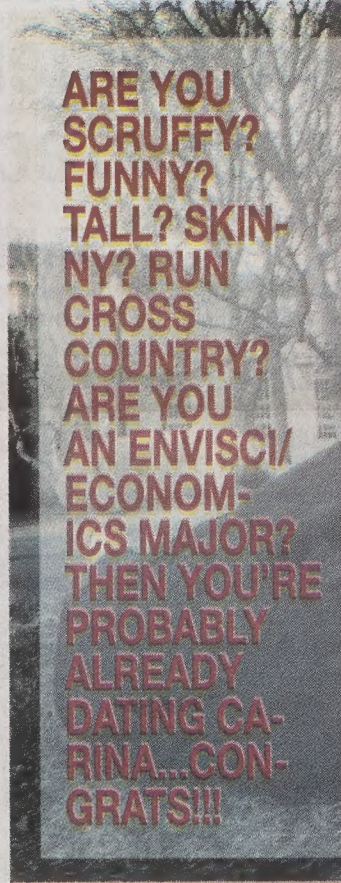
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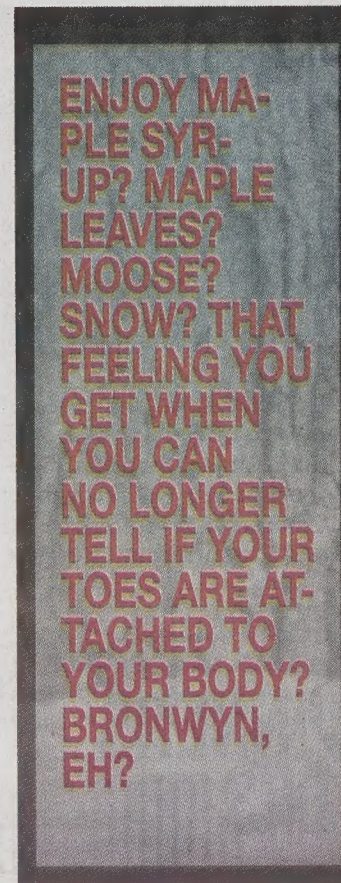
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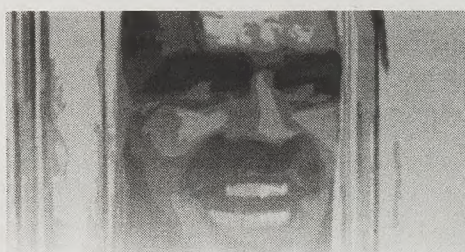
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ALL WORK AND NO PLAY

BY JOSH KRUSKAL

The Board of Trustees recently approved a 2.7 percent increase for the annual comprehensive fee, raising the cost of a Middlebury education from the current price tag of \$55,570 to \$57,075 for the 2013-14 academic year.

This increase is the maximum amount that the College could have raised the fee while adhering to a self-imposed rule that restricts fee increases to within one percent of the annual percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index. The CPI rose 1.7 percent in 2012.

This increase may not sound like much on paper, but bear in mind that two more 2.7 percent increases will put the comprehensive fee above \$60,000 by 2015. If we keep increasing by 2.7 percent each year, we find some troubling news.

The fee already surpasses average earnings in the U.S. (\$48,000 per year) by a good margin. The fee is also already greater than the average cost of a NYC apartment (\$41,016 annually), not to mention the average salary of a U.S. college graduate (around \$44,500, depending on how you measure – fun fact: less than half of you will have salaried jobs upon graduation, statistically).

In 2025, the fee will increase past the current average salary for an assistant professor (\$78,775 for last year). By 2040, a year at Midd will cost more than a lock of Elvis Presley's hair that sold at auction for \$115,000. By 2073, the fee will be higher than the price tag on the most expensive wine ever sold: \$275,000 for a 1907 Heidsieck champagne that was recovered from a shipwreck off the coast of Finland.

Isn't math is fun? Let's keep going past the next century, continuing with the 2.7 percent increases:

2164: The fee is more than the value of Ken Jennings's total earnings during his Jeopardy winning streak - \$3.17 million.

2257: Middlebury's comprehensive fee surpasses the GDP of an entire nation (Tuvvalu) for the first time as it crosses the \$37 million mark.

2330: one year of a Middlebury education will cost more than the most expensive painting ever sold (Cézanne's The Card Players, sold to the royal family of Qatar for and-justed \$259 million in 1893).

2370: A year at Midd is worth more than the estimated value of the Mona Lisa (c. \$768 million).

2377: The fee is now higher than the College's endowment at present: \$918 million.

2474: A year at Midd costs more than the GDP of North Korea (c. \$12 billion).

2479: tuition will have exceeded the cost of the most expensive public works project in history - Boston's Big Dig - when it surpasses \$14 billion.

2557: The value of all the gold in Fort Knox is less than a year at Middlebury.

2594: Middlebury's fee is greater than the GDP of Sweden, crossing the \$300 billion mark for the first time.

2664: A year at Midd is more expensive than all the gold ever mined on Earth put together.

2739: The comprehensive fee exceeds the GDP of the U.S.

By 2800, the fee will have surpassed the current world GDP (\$70 trillion). However, Middlebury will likely have gone out of business by this year; it's now been 259 years since anyone – specifically, Carlos Slim, the wealthiest man in the world (net worth = \$73 billion in 2012) – would have been able to afford to enroll without receiving substantial financial aid.

COLLEGE ADDS RESTROOMS TO ATWATER ELEVATORS

By Lauren Davidson

With an increase in vandalism in both Atwater Suites A and B, the College has a drastic plan in the works to decrease the dorm damages done to the two buildings this year and in years past.

The major damage cited by facilities is an excess of human waste found consistently on Sunday mornings in both of the elevators in the Atwater buildings. Despite the fact that the buildings have individual restrooms outside of the suites, stray urination remains a messy problem. To combat this urinary issue, the College is considering installing facilities in both elevators.

"I think that the lack of restrooms in the Atwater suites does not properly serve to relieve the large number of students that attend parties in the suites," said a member of the facilities team. "Especially on cold weekends, people are more prone to urinating in the elevators, as opposed to going outside."

While some view the additional toilets in elevators as a logical solution to a disgusting problem, others understand this problem to be an issue in student responsibility and respect for living spaces.

Matt Smith '14 worries that this "quick fix" will not decrease the behavior, but rather deem public urination and other similar acts as permissible.

"I'm worried that people will continue to disrespect our living spaces," said Smith. "This is not okay, and we need to rethink how we treat dorms instead of just offering easy solutions."

Interestingly, this issue only appears to be a problem in the Atwater suites. Custodial services in charge of maintaining the cleanliness of other dorms on campus have said that urination in the elevators is not a problem elsewhere.

"I'm not sure why Atwater attracts rampant urination," said facilities. "Perhaps because the buildings are so sterile people view them as one big place to urinate."

In recent years, custodial staff has not reported any stray urination in other elevators on campus, yet Atwater remains a host to excessive human waste.

Nevertheless, a solution is necessary for this issue – and fast. Facilities estimates that this academic year has seen more damages to the elevators than last, causing health and aesthetic concerns for students that need to use the elevators and custodial staff that must clean it up.

Despite opposing opinions surrounding the best way to combat this urinary issue, the installation would continue the efforts of the gender-neutral restroom campaign that began early last year.

While the restrooms in McCullough Social Space remain to be the only space to be transformed into gender-neutral spaces, the Atwater elevator project would continue the campaign for gender neutrality and maintain the issue as one of the main efforts on campus.

Vice President for Academic Affairs Timothy Spears understands the additions to Atwater A and B as a positive for students and sees it as an opportunity for individual choice on campus.

"We want to provide more choice and flexibility, without taking options away from other individuals," said Spears. "I think that these additions will provide a necessary option for all students that will maintain the quality and the integrity of the College."

As of late, construction plans have been set to begin just before the start of the 2013-2014 academic school year.

Health Center to offer Viagra in response to mass erectile dysfunction pandemic

By Isabelle Stillman

In the wake of the College's gastro season, students across campus have complained of another rapidly expanding plague – erectile dysfunction (ED). Upwards of 75 cases have been reported in the last three weeks alone, with students claiming symptoms such as "inability to perform" and "flaccidity."

As previously reported by the Campus, violent porn has been linked to the source of the ED epidemic on campus. Library Information Services has been investigating the search history of students to see if this belief has any validity.

This commonplace disorder is defined as the difficulty to achieve and/or maintain an erection during sexual arousal. Though typically caused by Neurogenic disorders, Cavernosal disorders, kidney failure and aging, the condition is also often attributed to the excess consumption of alcoholic beverages.

According to WebMD, "without treatment, erectile dysfunction can make sexual intercourse difficult."

Approximately five percent of 40-year-old men and between 15 and 25 percent of 65-year-old men experience erectile dysfunction for an enduring period of time. Consequently, it came as a shock to the medical staff at Parton Health Center that such an astronomical number of ED cases reported by the 18-22-year-old demographic.

With the reported cases increasing exponentially, the Health Center has declared a state of emergency, shutting down all other health operations in attempt to seek and destroy the cause of the epidemic.

Senior Nurse Mabel Simpson, however, has remained calm throughout these hard times. "I'm not too concerned," she said in a recent interview.

"It's something you can get used to."

One tearful victim claimed it was "hard" for him and others "to find a cure without a helping hand," and expressed gratitude for the dedicated efforts of the College's health and wellness experts. "They've been working day and night to comfort us through this, and we really appreciate it."

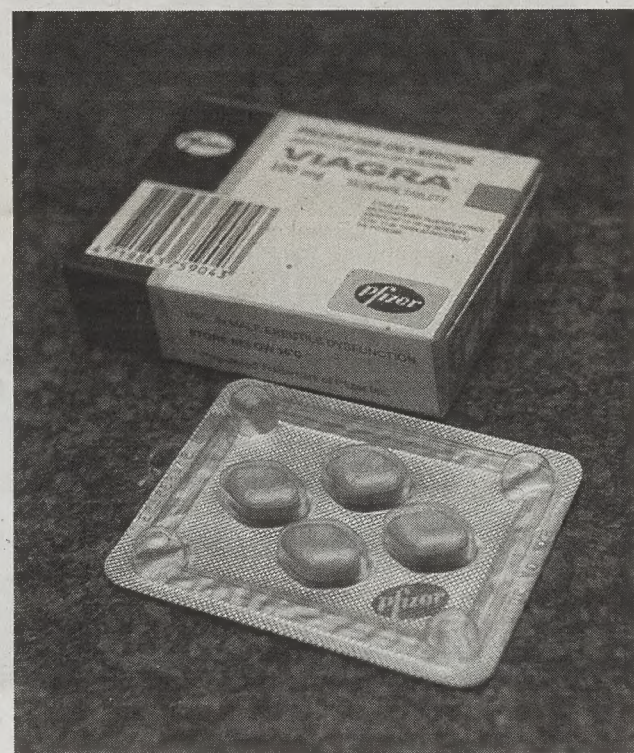
Another afflicted student believes the outbreak is due to the growing feminist presence on campus. "Women think men have it so easy here, but they don't know how hard it can be."

Perhaps most concerned is the female population on campus. "It's been really hard on us," said Susan Waters '15.

As can be expected, the campus has been reduced to bedlam. Believing the depravity may be iatrogenic, and thus caused by an impurity in dining hall provisions, several students have caused mayhem in Proctor and Ross, in attempt to drive out dining staff and effectively instate control of their food and, consequently, their bodies.

The question of contagion has also become a focus of the rampant upsurge of ED. Mass finger pointing and out-of-hand blame games have lead students to vandalize fellow students' property and threaten peers.

Speculation as to the cause of the scourge persists, with a great majority of



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Packs of Viagra (pictured above) to be offered at Parton

students agreeing that lack of Delta parties has been a major contributor to the problem.

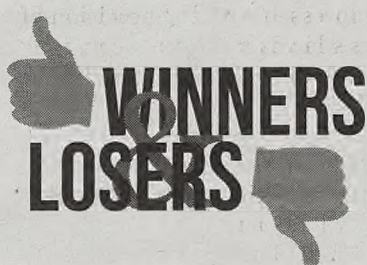
"Nightlife has become much more dull," said Zach Carter '14. "I just can't get excited anymore."

But all is not lost.

In addition to its already star-studded line-up of everyday treatments such as Tylenol, eye drops and condoms (though no longer needed), the Health Center has announced the addition of Viagra to its over-the-counter selection.

"Thank God," commented Waters.

It is required that each student interested in receiving Viagra submit his or her Health & Immunization forms by Monday, April 15th.



CLASS OF 2017

Can anyone say fresh meat?

PROCTOR CAT

Thanks for eating our leftovers! Too bad we're out of Asian Carp.

THE CAMPUS

So what if April Fools was Monday? We're never late. The news is too early.

CLASS OF 2017

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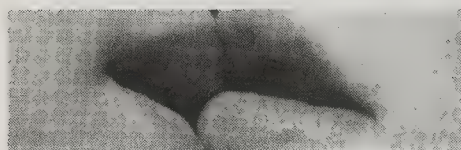
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MIDDBLOG

You may have been on time, but we didn't fall for your pranks.

Hooking Up Sober: Dating tips and tricks



BY SHANNON FIEDLER

It's spring fling time. Finally the weather's nice, so everyone's flaunting their fresh tans from break. And with the semester halfway over, we have only six weeks left to get our jollies. You want to make sure that romantically and sexually you're making the most of these last, sunny days. And as many of us are in the process of applying for internships, I've been thinking of dating as, basically, an interview of the position of boyfriend or girlfriend. So, here are my musings on the best ways to get that spark ignited, inspired by my internship applications.

With no time to spare, it's all about letting your partner know you're not afraid. First off, after you've DFMOed with someone, it's important to shoot them a text, letting them know how much fun you had. After that, you should probably send them a message at least once a day, just to let them know you're thinking about them. Showing in-

terest is an integral part of getting a job offer, or a new partner. You want them to know you really want them, and you don't want to risk them forgetting you! And make sure your texts have personality – the more exclamations and emoticons the better!

Looking good on an interview is key. Our first impression of a person comes from how they look. You don't want your hook-up to forget how attractive you are, especially if you met drunk and in the dark. We should all thank Snapchat for providing us with a way to send selfies when we know we look hot, while remaining socially acceptable. But that's the easy way out. If it's the first day of sundress weather, and you're confident in your spring-time swag, send a selfie pic via text. It shows you've got balls and that you know you're hot, and nothing's sexier than that. Plus, then your crush will have your picture ... don't want to risk any out-of-sight-out-of-mind events.

But that's when you're apart. The heart and soul of this mission lies on the moments you're spending together.

You don't want to give off the friend-vibe, because once you've been friend-

zoned you're stuck in a quicksand, getting pulled faster and faster into friendship with no hope – ever – of anything more. So, don't give them the chance. It's just like an application again; you

need to show them that you'd be a fantastic employee by acting as you would if you were hired already. Immediately establish yourself as the girlfriend or boyfriend. Tell all of your friends, and their friends if you get the chance, that the two of you are dating. Ask to meet their parents, for sure. That shows you're in for the long haul, or well, at least until finals are over. Change your profile picture to one of the two of you, and if you're feeling really cocky, make it your LinkedIn picture as well. If you're a chick, definitely steal his clothes and wear them around campus. You want to mark your territory!

Again, time is of the essence, so there's no time to dilly-dally with experimentation in the bedroom. If they say they're tired after round one, insist that you keep going and don't take no for an answer. Show them you're really hard-working and that you enjoy a challenge. And you also want to show you're a team player, so if you have a willing friend, bring them to bed, too. Role-playing in the first hook-up is a fun way to show what every company and boyfriend or girlfriend is looking for: you're imaginative and a risk-taker. Don't tell your partner you plan to change personas throughout the night, because you want to keep them on their toes. Most likely, they'll want to try something new also.

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By just throwing them into the game, you're doing them a huge favor.

Speaking of huge: Honesty is the best policy; never augment your partner's ego with lies. Mom always said if you don't

have anything nice to say, say nothing at all, but no one wants a quiet partner. So, just tell them the truth! Tell them explicitly that you've had bigger, more exciting or just all

around better before. This way, they have a challenge to live up to, and they know that you're experienced. And on that note, it's important to be open in sexual relations. Like a past employer's list, give them a straightforward and very detailed catalog of your sexual history, including names, numbers and sizes.

And of course, one of the most important parts of an interview is finding out the basic and important logistical factors. How much are you making, what are your duties, what's the dress code, etc. You want everything to be clear. So, be sure that you have a talk about commitment from the start. Ask them on the first hook-up what they're looking for, what they expect from you, what their commitment level is. Be clear with what you want; this will be your new job or partner, so tell them your demands as well.

Oh and p.s. – here's a disclaimer: I cannot be held accountable for any broken hearts, social suicides, embarrassing moments or pink slips caused by following these suggestions. Happy “first” of April, everyone.



COURTESY OF THE INTERNET

What started at a party at Brooker, led to romance for Zoe and Charlie Jackman-Cooper '00.5. Their commitment ceremony was last fall on Snake Mountain.

Administration encourages Hillcrest graffiti in new attempt to spark dialogue on campus

By Molly Talbert

In the weeks leading up to spring break, there were several incidents of radical graffiti seen on the side of Franklin Environmental Center, Hillcrest, which were upsetting to both faculty, staff and students at the College. Although the acts were seen as unhelpful in furthering the particular causes for which they attempted to garner attention – namely the campaign to divest from fossil fuels and arms manufacturing – they did begin to create dialogue for change in how students are able to express themselves on campus.

Members of the Administration have been in discussion with certain student groups in an attempt to make the side of Hillcrest, an area that gets lots of foot traffic since it is right next to Proctor Dining Hall, a permanent place where people can write and draw their opinions with chalk. This project is still in the beginning stages and it is unknown when it will be implemented, but people are still hopeful about this old space, used in a new way.

This is a move that would make many students happy, especially since another space for creativity, Lower Forest, isn't seen daily by as many people. The new space on the side of Hillcrest would allow students to comment on issues that are pertinent and then, when they aren't

pertinent anymore – or, whenever it rains – the space will be cleaned and new thoughts can be written or drawn with chalk.

There will, however, be limits regarding what is drawn on Hillcrest.

“We don't want it to get too radical,” said Dean of Students JJ Boggs. “We want there to be lively dialogue but we don't want it to get out of hand.”

This move to regulate the space – an act that some say is contrary to the First Amendment, freedom of speech – is due to the fact that many tour groups walk

by Hillcrest and look at that wall, which already has an “art” installment made of old tires beneath it. Some of the regulations that some

students say are overbearing include the rules that no four-letter words are to be used (including the words like “four” or “pant”) and that no texting short hand, such as LOL, TTYL, RFLOL, etc. are to be used.

So, what will students be able to write or draw on this new public space?

“We think that this could be a positive space to write or draw comments regarding the fauna surrounding campus,” said Boggs. “Middlebury College students are smart enough to communicate in a positive way even with these so

“Middlebury College students are smart enough to communicate in a positive way even with these so called restraints.”

JJ BOGGS
DEAN OF STUDENTS



MOLLY TALBERT

The side of Franklin Environmental Center, Hillcrest, is going to be used as a new space for students to voice their opinions in a constructive way using colorful chalk.

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In other words, if students are particularly impressed with the precision of the campus's lawns a certain week, they can write a haiku on the side of Hillcrest. Or, if the sunset over the Adirondacks was particularly stunning, students may attempt to recapture it using only white, pink, orange and green chalk, the only colors that will be permitted.

All in all, students and the administration are excited about this new space,

which some are deeming “The Hillcrest Public Art Space,” while there is some trepidation regarding the new rules.

“Every morning I go to my office, I'll be checking to see what is on the side of that building,” said Professor of Environmental Studies Bluejay Sycamore. “I'll be making sure the dialogue stays at the level we're hoping it will.”

And, with the restraints that have been put on the art space, it will be interesting to see what happens.



Bio lab revealed to be raising dragons, dark secrets

By Ben Anderson

H.P. Lovecraft Professor of Biology and Medieval Metaphysics Warren Rice and his students, while investigating an act of apparent vandalism that occurred during spring break have revealed to the campus the true purpose — and sinister origins — of Professor Rice's bio lab.

Students working in Rice's lab were shocked to find the room ransacked and most of their work destroyed upon returning to campus from spring break this past weekend. All that remained of the lab was a single dragon. The vandals — who have yet to be identified — left what appears to be a stone-carved idol of some sort in the debris of the old lab as well as the words "cthulhu fhtagn" scrawled across the wall.

"Though I am currently in charge of the lab," Rice explained, "I did not set it up. I inherited the lab from the professor who established it, Francis Thurston, when I was hired at [the College]. When I first got here, I was uncomfortable working with dragons, but I was quickly pulled into their scheme."

Not much is known about the late Professor Thurston except that he was an eccentric man who kept to himself and his lab.

He refused to take on thesis students and his attitude warranted many complaints from the student body. It is believed that he received tenure only because of his connection to his granduncle, a prominent professor at Brown University. Thurston worked at the College until 1965, when he vanished without a trace.

Rice and his students began to notice something strange happening in their lab on Feb. 18, the day after students organized a performance of the viral video sensation "The Harlem Shake" in McCardell Bicentennial Hall.

"When we came into the lab that Monday, immediately we could tell something had gone wrong, horribly wrong," said Zach Whateley '13, a senior thesis student in Rice's lab. "A foul stench, unlike anything made by man — or animal — filled the lab. And when we checked on the specimens ... I'll never forget what I saw. The holding

cage was stained a dark blue, the color of dragon blood, and all of the specimens were gone except one, a dragon we had named Yogg. We recognized him only by his tag, otherwise he was totally unrecognizable from his previous form; he had grown about three sizes, and he seemed to be covered in thick scales, darker than any shade I've seen before and his face had begun to grow tentacles. Most people would be surprised to hear dragons are actually quite cute, but not Yogg. Not anymore."

Rice is currently studying Yogg to try to determine what happened to the dragon during break, and what may have happened to the others that disappeared. While research is being done into the current state of Yogg, Whateley has turned to reading through some of Professor Thurston's recently discovered research notes, as his thesis has been put on hold by the vandalism in the lab.

"I was hoping to maybe get a new research lead from some of [Thurston's] old notebooks," Whateley said. "But I quickly realized he hadn't been doing much biological work with the dragons at all. He was working on something much more sinister."

Nearly half of the late professor's notes proved to be unreadable, both because they had been partially damaged by time and because some of it had been written in some sort of cipher. Students in the computer

science department are currently working on deciphering the crypt. The notes that are readable indicate that Thurston was doing research on the *Necronomicon*, an old text by Abdul Alhazred of which the College had one of the few copies in existence in special collections before it was lost in the 60s.

"A lot of my questions could be answered if I could get my hands on a copy of that book," Whateley added. "Thurston's notes first caught my eye when I noticed that one of his hand-drawn diagrams looked a bit like whatever Yogg had turned into. When I showed it to Rice, though, he dismissed it as the crazed scribbling of a

mad man."

Whateley went on to explain that Thurston had become fascinated by some ancient ruins on some deserted island, the location was not found in the notebook. The notes take a startling turn during the academic year of 1962, when Thurston was on sabbatical, working with some of his colleagues at Miskatonic University in Arkham, Mass. After that summer, Thurston began to focus entirely on the ruins and his obsession with locating him. The writing grew more and more frantic and unreadable, some pages covered from top to bottom only with the word "R'lyeh," the name Whateley believes Thurston gave to the mythical ruins.

"I'm starting to feel more like a history major than a biology major," Whateley said. "I'm worried this research is pulling

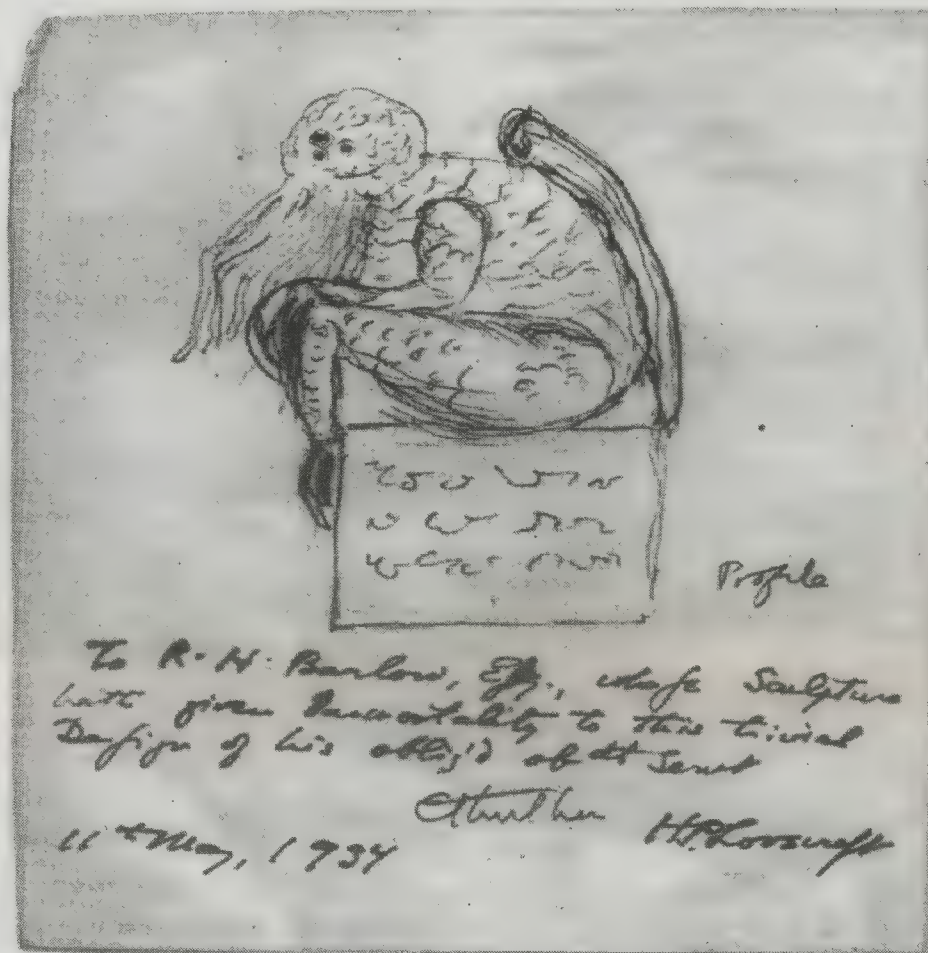
me away from my thesis, but my obsession has begun to match that of Thurston. I need to figure out what it was he was looking for ..."

Whether or not it is of scientific importance or not, Thurston's newly discovered work will continue to fascinate and puzzle researchers for years to come. As for the lab, while the students are working to get the equipment ready for research once again, Rice seems disheartened by the vandalism.

"I don't know who would do such a thing," he said, "but they'd have to be out of their mind, just like that crazy Francis Thurston. I told [Whateley] he shouldn't be wasting his time with those notes. I'm going to figure out what happened to this dragon, and then I'm done with dragon. I don't feel safe here any more."

"I'll never forget what I saw. The water in the tank was stained a dark blue, the color of dragon blood."

ZACH WHATELEY '13



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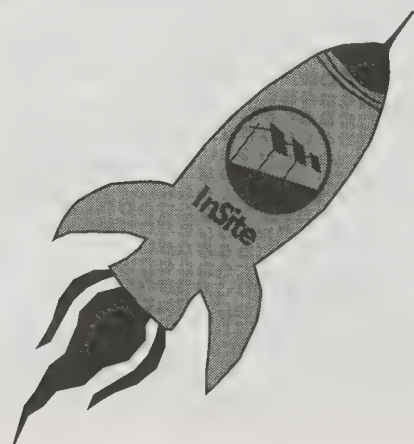
Late Professor Francis Thurston filled his notebook with incoherent scribbles.

InSite goes to space; Williams and Amherst to eat dust

By Owen Teach

The final countdown has begun towards the 2013 Solar Decathlon competition, and Team Middlebury has started to lay the foundation for what it hopes will be another successful entry. This year, however, is set to be one of historic proportions, as the Department of Energy (DOE) recently announced its highly anticipated modifications to October's competition in a press release earlier this month.

"The DOE is ecstatic to announce a change in format to this year's competition: instead of waiting for the sun to come to us ... we're going to the sun!" said Department Secretary Ernie Moniz.



"We challenge the best and brightest at our universities nationwide to develop sustainable and comfortable rocket ships to orbit the sun. First one wins. See you in October!"

Many experts think that Moniz, the newly minted energy secretary, wanted to leave his personal mark on the competition with the announcement. While many universities will now be forced to make substantial modifications to their designs, Jack Kerby-Miller '14 said that Middlebury's InSite house is easily adaptable for space travel.

"Part of what makes our design so unique is that we envisioned it being successful in multiple environments," Kerby-Miller said. "Certainly we will have to make changes. For example, we must increase the insulation value to account for higher temperatures and rethink some areas to increase aerodynamics, but overall we're in pretty good shape."

Design lead Ellie Krauss '14 echoed her teammate's remarks, citing the centralization of energy systems as beneficial for the installation of rocket boosters and other heavy equipment necessary for space travel.

"Most of the energy-intensive systems in our house were to be based in the central 'mechanical mod,'" said Krauss. "The transformation of this section of the house to accommodate the fuel tanks and

oxygen-recyclers shouldn't be much of a problem. Plus, all of the windows should lead to some pretty groovy inter-galactic views!"

No one was more excited about the news than President of the College Ron D. Liebowitz, who saw the DOE's modifications to the competition as another way to further the College's scope as an institution.

"From the Monterey Institute to summer language programs, Middlebury has consistently been on the cutting edge of defining a modern liberal arts education," said Liebowitz. "Now, the opportunity to expand the Middlebury brand into outer space is incredible. We will truly be leading the way for other liberal arts schools."

Perhaps in not his finest moment as president, Liebowitz also got in trouble for a controversial tweet he sent immediately following the DOE announcement: "See you in the stratosphere, b****s! #SolarD #winning @Williams @Amherst."

He later took the tweet down and apologized.

All controversy aside, it is all systems

go down at the Solar DKE house in preparation for the launch. The team is hard at work modifying Revit schematic designs and planning for the rocket's construction, now taking place in Ridgeline parking lot. As recently as last week, the team laid out the foundation and put the mechanical mod in place.

As one of the students who stayed on campus over spring break to participate in the rocket home's construction, Rita Croce '14.5 expressed her enthusiasm over the project.

"It's amazing to see this historic undertaking get going, especially since nothing like it has ever been tried in the context of this competition," said Croce. "Also, as one of the students responsible for designing the house's windows, I look forward to the challenge of adapting them for space travel!"

Croce also described several new design innovations underway on the project, including a biodegradable heat shield for atmosphere re-entry, solar-powered lasers for asteroid defense, and, apparently, Nutella insulation. Who knew?

The 20 teams competing will convene in Irvine, Calif. for assembly on Oct 3, with liftoff scheduled for later that month.

"One small step for Ron. One giant leap for Ronkind."

RON LIEBOWITZ
MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE PRESIDENT

Arts major deemed illegitimate, futile and obsolete

By Jessica Cheung

An ax fell on the arts department last Sunday when President of the College Ronald D. Liebowitz announced all art programs are to be dissolved effective immediately. Cash-strapped for new classroom materials such as real money in economic classes, Liebowitz issued that, "we need to make sure that every dollar goes where it counts. Right now, we need all the chump change we can get."

The day after Liebowitz announced their decision, artistic martyrs stood in solidarity with each other by wearing black clothing that reflected the sadness of their souls and berets that reflected their desire to be French. But despite their efforts, art majors' chances at repealing the committee's decision to dissolve the department are just as meager as their job prospects.

In his address, however, Liebowitz promised alternatives to satisfy the demand for arts programs on campus, calling "all grandmothers in Vermont to aid by leading knitting workshops."

The downturn is chiefly a product of

not rough economic times, but a values clash between the College and art majors who refer to themselves as "free sprints."

In recent years, expenditures on the arts department have declined with crippling consequences. Last October, the administration ruled to cut pipe cleaners and popsicle sticks from the budget. The same committee voted to cut textbook funding. "My professor assigned readings from pages one to 60-odd, because every other page in my textbook was ripped out," said Jeremy Harris '13, music theory major.

The doomed fate of the humanities is creeping up at the heels of the fallen arts department.

Even the language department scaled back last fall, omitting past tense from its curriculum. Maria Lopez, Professor of Spanish Literature, said: "For my students, history does not exist in Spanish. When I asked my students *¿Cómo fue su spring break?*, it's like they suffer from dementia. In fact, I had a student yesterday ask me if there was such thing as a preterite after watching *Spanglish* on DVD. It broke my heart."

While students and professors attempted to take the cuts into stride, the ultimate slash was taken out on their artistic spirit. A series of vandalisms have exploded on campus, including a scathing attack on the macaroni art exhibition at the Museum, with words spray-painted "Aestheticism isn't going to turn this economy around" and "Mitt 2012 FTW."

Chief suspect behind the vandalism, Lena Clay '15 said, is the Socially Responsible Investment Club (SRIC). "They've been after us for years," she said. "Ever since we painted a portrait of Milton Friedman with dollar signs shoved up his nostrils and the words *one percent* written across his forehead in red."

The lineage of this feud between math and art majors can be traced to the social dynamics in middle school, but more importantly, Clay says the freethinking collegiate atmosphere has split art majors into a dichotomy of reactions. Compulsive art students, mostly of the theatre and film production breed, retaliated against SRIC by spray-painting the entrance of Warner Hall with "Supply and Demand This: [phallic illustration]."

The more introverted art students, including creative writing and witchcraft majors, retreated to their Moleskins, crystals and dream catchers to regenerate their creative processes. By channeling their anger into artistic expression, silent comedy major Rachel Willmore '16 mimed "it is the ultimate backlash."

On the official level, tension heightens between faculty and the administrative board. "The arts have always been tenuous at Middlebury," Susie Holland, Dean of the College, said. "Students should know it is a privilege to be claiming that you're taking a full-load course, when in actuality one of them is drawing doodles."

"How are students supposed to suc-

ceed in the world when students don't have basic skills in gestural nude human portraiture or don't know the first thing in mixing tertiary colors on the color wheel?" Origamist-in-Residence Tyler Patel said. "Those colors aren't going to mix themselves."

According to *The Onion*, the federal government is funding a \$1.3 billion poem to guarantee that America's prose "remains the biggest, best-designed, and best funded in the world."

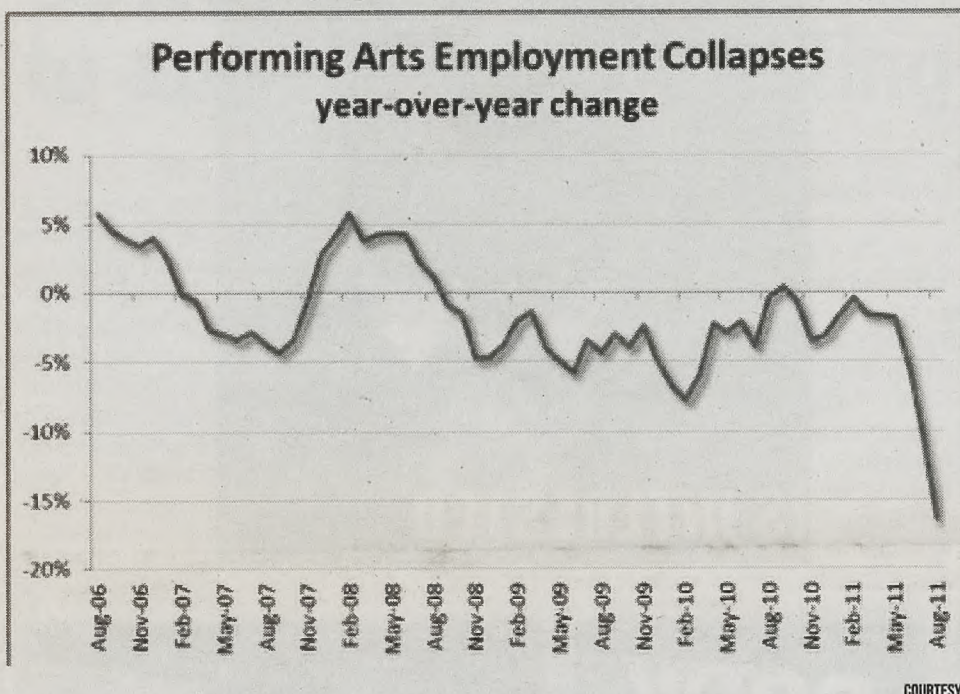
"Now more than ever, the U.S. economy needs more tortured artists to join the workforce," finger-painting major Justine May '14 said. "If we continue to stigmatize the arts, Russia will surpass us in watercolor vignettes of sunsets on the beach."

"My degree in the visual arts helped me land a gig in sales at Campbell's," alum Brian Park '03 said. "My deft touch in accurate shadowing can make a can of soup look super 3D on paper. It's impressive."

"My profound observations about George Eliot's representations of idealism versus realism and the domestication of women helped me score babes," said alum Ian Carter '05.

With the high demand for art majors, pink-slipped professors and art students with souls more lost than ever before hope to gain clout. Willmore mimed, "it's time the College stopped terrorizing the humanities."

Still, Liebowitz is reluctant, responding: "the ultimate terror lies in the futility of an arts degree. You point a camera aimlessly and it's photography. You splay paint over a wall and it's abstractionism. You label a series of similar looking paintings Impressionism and it's art history. From here on out, art is history. We have omitted arts from our curriculum and henceforth, our college will now be known as Middlebury: the liberal college."



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ONE WASTED LIFE

BY SANTIAGO AZPURUA-BORRAS

Recently the market has been flooding itself with Massively-Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game (MMORPG) such as World of Warcraft, The Secret World, TERA and the ever classic EVE Online. But the new up and coming development team Liebowitz Games throws its hat into the proverbial ring with their first game, World of Middlebury (WOM).

Right off the bat WOM does something different in its character creation: it doesn't allow everyone to play. Before you can even install the game, one must fill out a pretty arbitrary questionnaire, asking for all sorts of personal information. I had to wait a few months before the game unlocked on my steam account, and then was made to read through the terms of agreement (or as the game calls it, "The Honor Code") before I was finally able to dive in head-first into the new virtual environment.

The game offers a plethora of different classes (known in WOM as "majors") but instead of the classics such as Rogue, Warrior and Ranger, WOM's majors seem to be based around fields of study, each with its own subdivision of skill trees which creates some pretty interesting builds. For example, by putting points into the "Bro" skill tree, your character's physical strength and poison resistance is increased, but it tends to increase the collateral damage sustained to the game environment during combat. Another great example of the combat is the sociology major-only skill known as "check your privilege" (the game community has dubbed this as simply "check 'em"). When using "check 'em" the character generates a random number from one to 20, and damage is calculated based on the number. The higher the privilege, the more effective the attack. Chemistry

majors are skilled in potion crafting, biology majors make for great animal tamers, the diversity of the "major" system is impressive.

In addition to majors, characters can pick up certain sub-skills from minors, as well as passive buffs that can only be obtained through participating in various mini-games found within WOM, also known as "extracurricular."

The biggest aspect of the gameplay is the combat. But strangely enough, it isn't really combat, as it is preparation. See, much like the Japanese game series *Persona*, your character prepares for the various quests presented by the Professor-class NPCs. These quests change depending on what type of character you're running. You could find yourself reading one of the many books found within the game world, running experiments or participating in arbitrary physical tasks. The gameplay can range from exciting to downright tedious. While this would be forgivable if the combat stayed on the "exciting" side of the spectrum, but this is not always the case. Like many RPG's, experience is gained depending on how well you achieve on these seemingly arbitrary tasks. This would be fine and dandy, if the game didn't take literally every bad gaming cliché and roll them into one game. During one particular quest I actually found myself in an underwater timed escort mission with stealth elements and randomly generated quick-time events. It

was infuriating to say the least. And here's the kicker: for this lackluster gameplay, Liebowitz Games expects players to pay an exuberant subscription cost: \$55,000 a year!

Like most MMOs, the offers a player vs. player mode (PVP). In WOM's PVP mode characters can challenge each other to various types of competitions. Some of these are team-based modes such as football, lacrosse or the strangely-specific Quidditch. Others are strictly 1-on-1 affairs such as "1-Up." In this mode, two players challenge each other in a game of "who has more problems." Based on unique events to each player, this mode sees who has encountered more negative events in the game. The funny thing about this is there really is no winner, as no experience is granted for victories in games like this.

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in the various areas of the game not found on the main campus. I also put some trees into the "social sciences" thanks to the psychology minor, which gives me a greater chance to succeed at the games various conversations. Here is something unique to WOM and the MMORPG genre in general, instead of using a global chat or a team-speak interface, WOM uses a conversation system similar to games like Mass Effect and Deus Ex: Human

Revolution. Since other player-characters will also be using this conversation system, it can feel that the conversations always go into one direction: players will often just complain about how many quests they still have on their log.

However, despite all these options available, especially in the character creator, as you explore the games more advanced environments, such as the underground labyrinth of Ross or the far outposts of the KDR wall, you realize all the players of this game begin to look the same after awhile. For a game that picks and chooses its players as WOM does, you would think that there would be a little more diversity in the characters, but alas that is not the case.

This being said, the various environments of WOM are a marvel to behold. Featuring things such as a real-time 24-hour day/night cycle, and various dynamic weather effects create for some stunning landscapes and set pieces for you and your party to explore and take in. The weather even effects gameplay in ways such as movement speed, characters mood and can even grant passive buffs or debuffs, depending on your character. The games environment is also completely destructible, a first for the genre. Its especially interesting to walk around the game world on a morning after one of the games many "parties" where players congregate to quest together, just to see the visible destruction on the game world, it really does make it feel like a dynamic, living thing.

If you're up to a frustrating challenge with an exuberant player selection process and hefty subscription fee, a completely unbalanced class system and a confusing player interaction system, then WOM might just be the game for you. WOM gets a 4/10.

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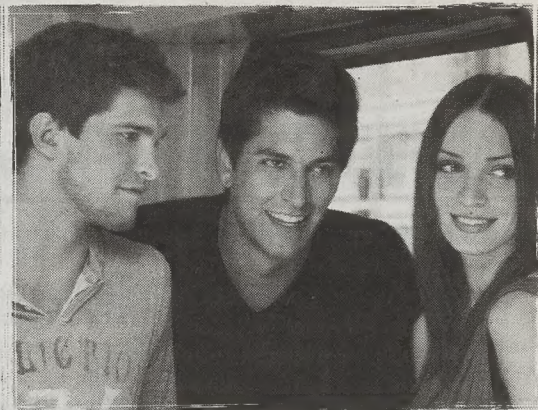
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Newsroom Crush

OLIVIA ALLEN
We have history.

OWEN TEACH
Rule 1: Always go with the St. Albans man.

BRONWYN OATLEY
I just have a thing for Canadians.

THE SPORTS BOYS
Love them, despite the amount of sports they watch during layout.

Sport that Midd should add:

MOOSE TRACKING
It came down to this and dousing. The College should embrace its Vermont roots.

BOBSLEDDING
With Bryan Holtzman '14 pushing the sled, the Panthers would be instantly competitive.

BIRTHDAY DRINKING
Way more important than doing edits. I'm the man.

BEER PONG
With ADP gone, their needs to be somewhere to show off the school's immense talent in this arena.

Who wins a one-on-one game between Kathryn and Michelle?

MICHELLE
Both would be too busy correcting the other's mistakes. #editorproblems

NEITHER
Don't ask me how that works.

MICHELLE
I get the sense she would be a fierce rebounder on the boards.

TIE
#diplomacy

Best flow on the men's lacrosse team?

BILLY CHAPMAN '13
There's no better flow than on those long fast breaks from one end of the field to the other.

MIKE FORD '15
What up beast.

DAVID MURRAY '15
Not the best flow, but certainly the best mustache. Congrats.

JOEL BLOCKOWICZ '15
Two sport athletes have twice as much flow.

COWS, BIDDIES threaten to appeal Council ruling

By Four Loko

This past Monday, April 1, the Community Council unanimously passed a resolution banning the wearing of athletic attire in the College's academic and dining facilities. The resolution comes after a months-long campaign by Non-Athletic Regular People (NARP) – a student group which aims to raise awareness about the social impact of athletic wear – which included a student march, petition and slam poetry reading.

"We are trying to promote inclusiveness here at Middlebury," said Dean of the College Shirley Collado. "If everyone is walking around in Nike and Lululemon, we feel that many students will feel excluded. We are proud of our NARPs for spearheading this effort."

NARP President Nathaniel Toms '13.5 echoed Collado's sentiment, adding that he thinks the entire student body will experience the positive effects of the resolution.

"No longer will loud people in athletic attire disturb our pleasant dining halls," said Toms. "No longer will we permit these people to show up five minutes late to class in sweatpants or fist-bump in the library. If they want to do these things, they'll have to do them in cuffed jeans like the rest of us."

The College's survey results from the fall indicate that 27 percent of Middlebury students wear athletic clothes in the dining hall. The same survey also showed strong correlations between athletic-attire wearing, being from Connecticut and being an American Studies major.

Blake Snidesworth III '14, President of Collegians Only Wear Sweatpants (COWS) – a group which has arisen on campus in response to the Council's resolution – feels that the resolution will force an even greater divide between

student groups on campus, perhaps even driving some of these groups underground.

"We have been wearing athletic attire for years," said Snidesworth. "These NARPs think they are going to change things with this resolution, but all they're doing is alienating an important part of the College's donor base. COWS will not stand by quietly while this is going on."

Members of Blondes In Dynamic Dress Interested in Economics Students (BIDDIES), the student organization which donated the elliptical machines for the expansion of the College's fitness center, agreed with Snidesworth's take.

"Yoga pants are very practical," said BIDDIES President Sadie van der Geld '16. "Whether you're eating chocolate chips in Proctor or buying coconut water at MiddExpress, you have to look good to play [well]."

COWS and BIDDIES are hosting a counter-rally to protest the Council's decision, scheduled for 11:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 6, at Delta house.

BY THE NUMB3RS

189 The number of editors' pick questions Damon Hatheway '13.5 needed to get to 100 correct editors' picks, three fewer than Dillon Hupp '12.

3 Number of runs made to Middexpress every Monday night. 'Sup, Doug.

1 Number of sports editors that turned 22 Tuesday night. Happy Birthday Owen!

2 The number of sports editors who are athletes. No, Owen and Damon, fantasy sports don't count.

0 Number of times Alex has gone 4-0 in editors' picks.

PANTHER SCOREBOARD

SPORTS EDITORS vs. News Editors

50-0 W In our spare time the sports editors also lay out the news section.

MALE SPORTS EDITORS vs. Female Editors

3-1 W Alex Edel '14 is one lucky lady :-)

STUDENT BODY: Snow Bowl attendees

12:1 L Can we get some publicity for the snow bowl chili? The town's chili gets a whole day!

DELTA vs. Community Council

14-3 L A stingy Community Council allowed just a field goal in what quickly turned into a two-score game.

GARLIC KNOTS vs. Cinnamon Rolls

1-30 L Where Carina Guiterman is the one and the rest of the editorial board is the 30.

New mascot prompts outrage from alumni

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"Amherst, meanwhile, continues to attract prospective students with a mascot most famous for genocide."

While the announced change has drawn largely positive feedback, a significant group of alumni are clamoring for the return of the Panther.

"This is a travesty," said John McGovern '88. "Generations of students have been united by the Panther. Think of how many bumper stickers will be rendered useless by this decision."

McGovern has started a petition and is calling former Middlebury students, looking for support.

Alumni are not the only group upset with the decision, however. Amid rumors that the clothing designer Abercrombie and Fitch – which uses a moose as its logo – would sponsor Middlebury athletics teams, a group of opposed students rallied against the decision.

Juniors CRiticizing Everyone's Wardrobe (JCREW) President Richie MacIntosh '14 spoke passionately that any agreement between the College and Abercrombie and Fitch would do irreparable damage to the school.

"Middlebury should be embracing the future, not bringing back trends of the early 2000s," MacIntosh wrote in an email. "One look at the fashion choices of the student body would have been enough, but the administration seems more intent on its perception than the appearance of its students."

Thus far, however, the administration has denied the existence of any ties with the Abercrombie and Fitch organization.

"There is zero basis for those rumors," said one college official who spoke under the guarantee of anonymity. "The school supports a wide range of ideas and beliefs, and that extends as far as to how people choose to dress or undress themselves."

The unfurling of the new college logo will coincide with the opening of the new field house, which is scheduled for 2015.

"The change only further exemplifies our commitment to high athletic achievement coupled with outstanding academic success at Middlebury," said Liebowitz. "The moose better contextualizes Middlebury within the region it is located and the College's selectivity is personified by the moose's elusiveness as well."

The College has yet to decide if the current colors will remain, though there is rampant speculation that the traditional navy will be replaced with a

deep, forest brown. A final decision will be made by February 29, 2014.

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3	ATWATER All that peeing in the stairwell vaults them into the top three.
4	COFFRIN Trees? What trees?
5	HEPBURN BASEMENT I just smashed a window. Have fun paying for that!
6	WEYBRIDGE Proctor stops serving quinoa, vegetarians burn house in protest.
7	PRESIDENT'S HOUSE Ron kicks in door after Conn. College passes Middlebury in Princeton Review rankings.
8	XENIA You don't need to drink to break s**t.

'D3 Basketball Wives' comes to Middlebury

By Tequila Shot

From VH1 comes the next series centered on local celebrities and their wives. Looking to vary up their viewing clientele, VH1 announces a change in the normal marriage based reality dramas, this time focusing on girlfriends of college students, hoping to appeal to a younger audience. After a nationwide search, VH1 fell upon Middlebury's basketball team and their girlfriends.

"While Middlebury is a small school, the popularity and almost celebrity status of the basketball team at the Vermont college is perfect for the high society look and feel that we are looking for," a VH1 representative commented during a press release.

While several administrators initially resisted the show coming to Middlebury as they felt it would tarnish the school's reputation several factors changed their mind. First, the school felt that after the disbandment of Delta and the focus on shutting down party venues, the national television

show would provide a way for the school to still seem like a party school. Note: there will not actually be more parties, but just a nationwide portrayal of the basketball team's party which the administration hope will have an affect on the college's popularity similar to that of "Midd Kid" video also had.

Also, Vermont Governor Pete Schumlin and Middlebury residents felt that the show would bring more tourism to the area. During a town forum debate on the issue, he explained the show will help struggling businesses stay afloat as camera crews, makeup artists and fans flock to the area.

Both the basketball players and their so-called wives have been unable to comment on the show or its plans thus far as they are under confidentiality agreements prior to the show's premiere. Among the rumors on campus, there are fears that filming may affect the players' games and the social lives of many girls looking for a party on Saturday nights.

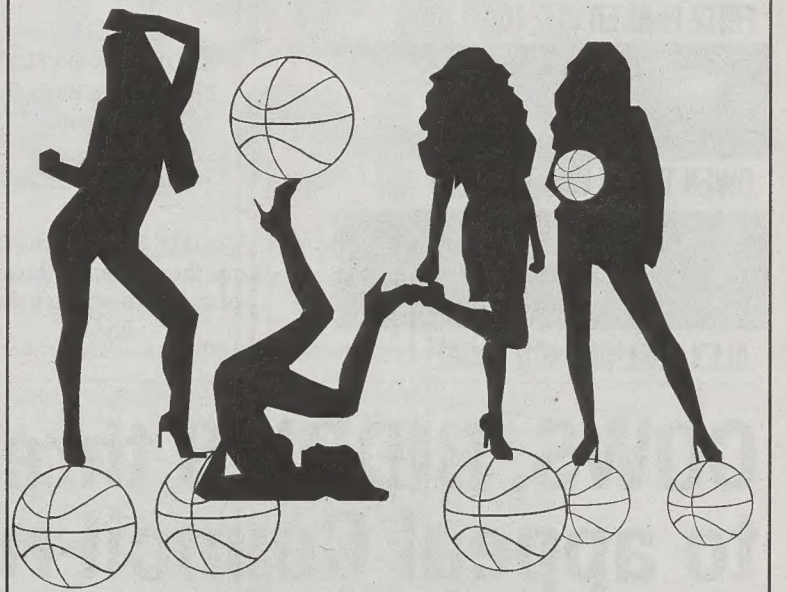
As the basketball girlfriends gain prestige and popularity there are rumors that parties will be closed to the public with a bouncer at the door. Since Delta has been shut down, many of the usual door guardians have applied for the position of bouncer and cuts are still being made to see who will be the official basketball bouncer.

The show is due to air next spring on VH1 and the school is prepping for a jump in applications and press.

Needless to say, rumors are circling about who exactly the girlfriends are and if the drama will really be as ever-present as it is in shows like the original Basketball Wives.

A local rep for TMZ, "the baroness," a student here at Middlebury, said that students should be in for a shock when the show airs. She posted recently on TMZ, "No one knows the stress that basketball girlfriends and the players go through both during season and out. TMZ will be watching to see what goes on. XOXO, the baroness."

DIVISION III BASKETBALL WIVES ...COMES TO MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE



DESIGN DIVA 1

Amid rumors and scandal, D3 basketball wives has been approved by the administration and shooting for the series will begin soon. Local businesses and the college hope for more tourism and applicants as a result of the series.

No. 1 golfer pursues rap career, changes name to Fresh Prince

By Natty Lite

At first glance, golf team captain Billy Prince '13 might appear like your average, run-of-the-mill golfing enthusiast. The senior from New Canaan, Conn. grew up playing the courses of the Northeast - from his childhood, to his prep school days at St. Luke's and now lighting it up on the Ralph Myhre green here at Middlebury. However, Prince's talents extend far beyond the putting green to somewhere one might not expect. Sometimes, he trades in his three-wood for a microphone, throws in his grill and hits the recording studio under his rap name: Fresh Prince.

While it might be mindboggling to some, the crazy part about it is he's pretty good.

Prince has long known he had the talent to make it in the hip-hop game, but only recently has

he begun to share his mastery with the world.

"Man, since day one I've known I was a special cat," said Prince. "Always, I have these rhymes flying through my brain it's just hard to contain I'm just making it rain. There's one right there, yo! But on the real, it just comes naturally to me."

"Straight up, the homie has flow."

**YOUNG PRINCE
DC RAP ARTIST**

In the last year, Prince has moved from casual rap battles with friends to the big time. After he fried the competition at the second annual Vermont Amateur Freestyle Open, hosted by Two Brothers, he caught the eye of legendary Washington, D.C. rapper Young Prince aka YP. Since then, YP and Fresh Prince have collaborated for their much-celebrated mixtape, *Heir\$ to the Throne*.

YP, scheduled to visit Middlebury for a show this

Saturday at the Bunker (doors open at 10:30 p.m.) has nothing but praise for the up-and-coming artist.

"Just by looking at him you wouldn't think he could throw a grape in the ocean," said Young Prince. "On the contrary, he's one of the most talented artists I've worked with. One might call him the songbird of a generation. Straight up, the homie has flow."

He has also brought the hip-hop culture to the golf course, warming up on the range while bumping Trinidad James and sporting a new line of Fresh Prince Taylor Made do-rags.

American Studies major AJ Guff '13.5 is amazed with how Billy is able to float seamlessly between rap and golf. He calls Prince has a trailblazer.

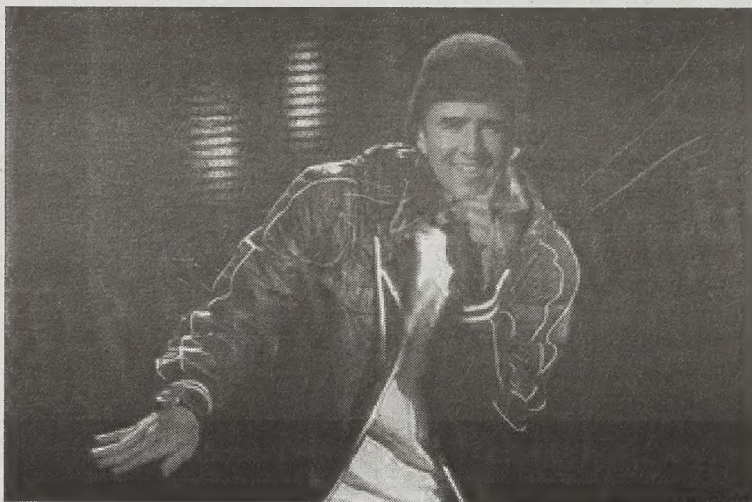
"Billy Prince is singlehandedly changing the golf culture and making it more accessible to a wider audience," said Guff. "Someone like this has never been seen in the history American professional sports."

At the end of the day, Prince sees himself as just another guy.

"Do I spit hot fire? Yes. Do I bomb drives? Yes," said Prince. "But when it comes down to it though, I'm just a man who likes to get the mic in his hand and spit flow like a river from Detroit to Mary-land."

When he graduates, Prince plans to move to New York and enter the city's vibrant freestyle rap battle scene.

"It aint the size of the dog in the fight," said Prince. "It's the size of the fight in the dog. You just have to follow your dreams and great things will happen. Anything is possible!"



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Fresh Prince, pictured above, is set to release his first album, which includes tracks featuring White and Nerdy and Weird Al.

Middlebury changes nickname to Moose

By Whiskey Ginger

The College's mascot will change from the Panthers to the Moose beginning in 2015 announced President of the College Ronald D. Liebowitz and Director of Athletics Erin Quinn in a joint press conference, Monday, April 1. The move comes despite significant pressure from alumni to keep the Panther as the school mascot. Ultimately the College's streak of exceptionalism made the move inevitable.

"The allure of being the only college in the country with the Moose nickname was a driving factor behind this decision," Liebowitz said. "Not only is the Moose highly representative of our locale, but it is also one more way in which Middlebury distinguishes itself from other schools."

While 32 colleges and universities across the country have the Panthers as their nickname, Middlebury stands alone as the only school nicknamed the Moose. The change ensures that there will be no future confusion when Middlebury athletic teams compete against other schools, as was the case when the women's basketball team hosted the Panthers of Albany Pharmacy.

"It was awfully confusing

with two schools with the same nickname," said Quinn. People listening to the game on the radio had no idea who was winning, which is a problem. We're just lucky that the officials distinguished between their jersey colors and never said 'Panther ball!'"

The administration also felt that the Moose better represented the academic virtues of the College.

"The fact that moose are local to this region aside," explained Tim Schornak of the Office of Communications, "the College feels that its pursuit of environmental sustainability while stressing critical thinking and pause for deep reflection are better embodied by the moose."

While the new mascot more accurately embodies the College's academic mission, athletes and coaches also believe the moose fits the spirit of athletic competition.

"I've always felt a special connection to moose," said a member of the ultimate frisbee team. "It's definitely my spirit animal."

Coaches, meanwhile, point to the success of other NESCAC schools with unique mascots.

"Williams has no trouble recruiting, and their mascot is a purple cow," said one coach who asked not to be identified.

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